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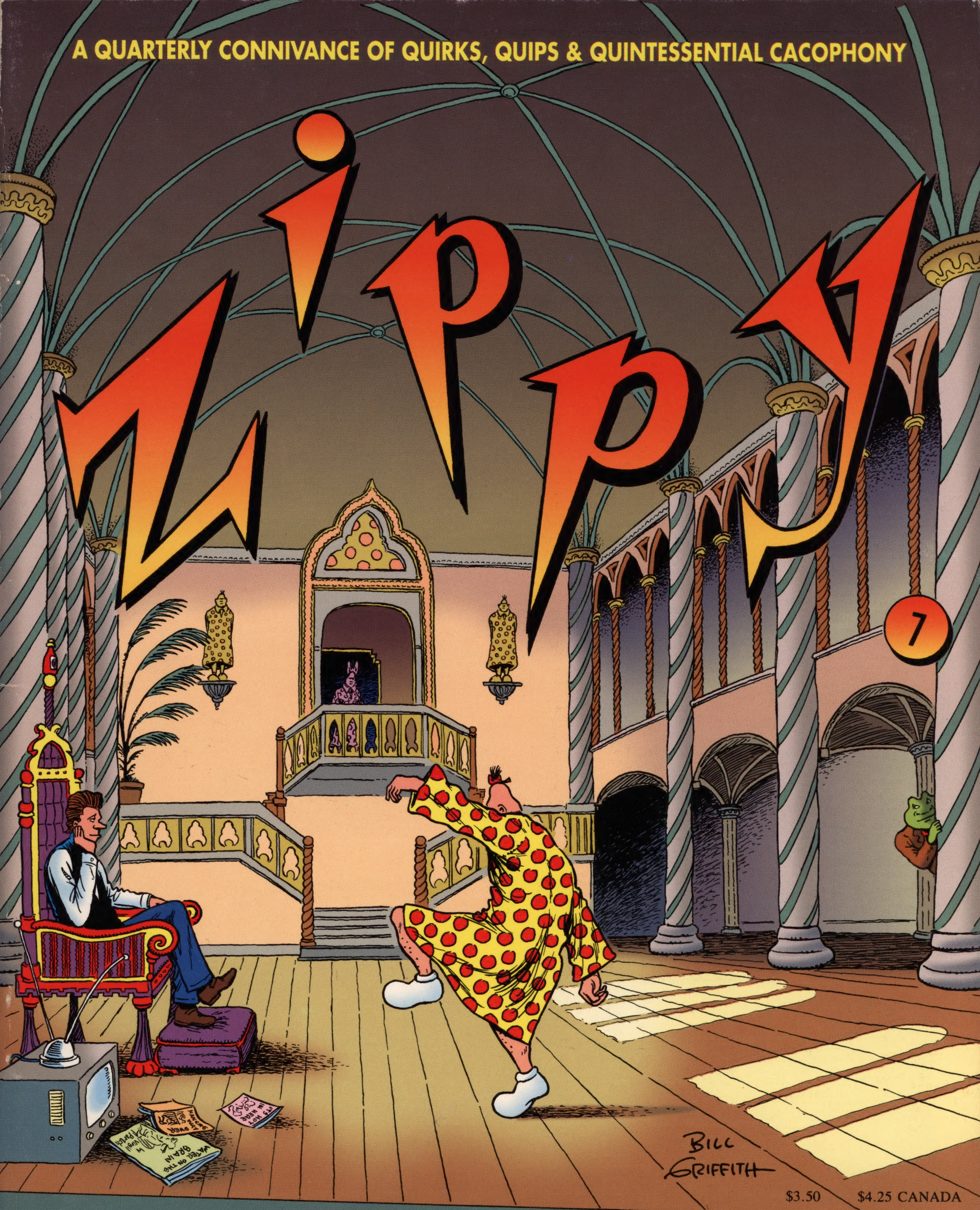
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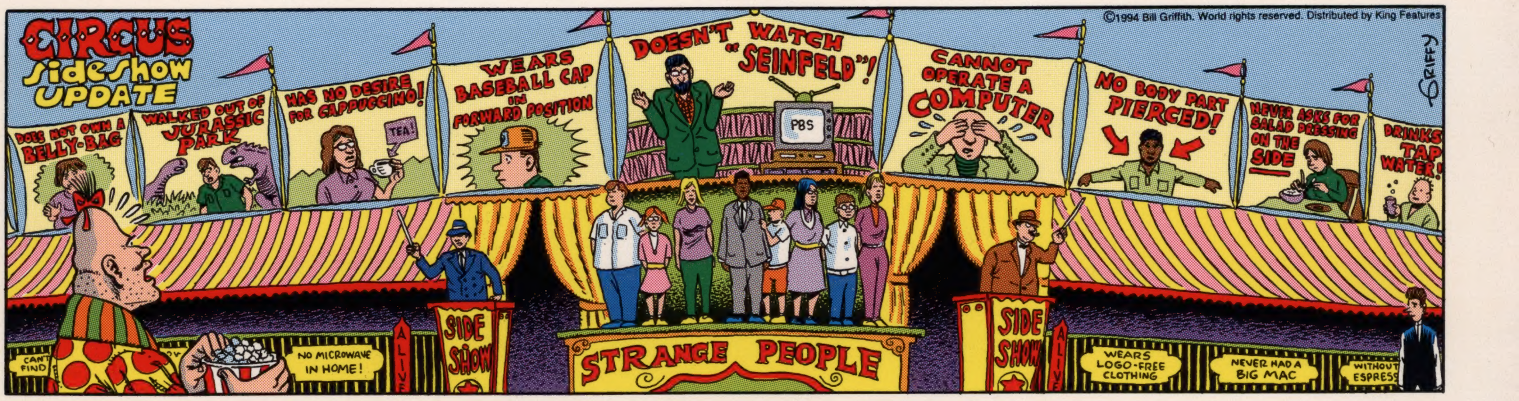
CIRCUS Sideshow UPDATE
DOES NOT OWN A BELLY-BAG
WALKED OUT OF JURASSIC PARK
HAS NO DESIRE FOR CAPPUCCINO!
TEA!
WEARS BASEBALL CAP IN FORWARD POSITION
DOESN'T WATCH "SEINFELD"!
PBS
CANNOT OPERATE A COMPUTER
NO BODY PART PIERCED!
NEVER ASKS FOR SALAD DRESSING ON THE SIDE
DRINKS TAP WATER!
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GRIFFY
CAN'T FIND
NO MICROWAVE IN HOME!
ALIVE
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STRANGE PEOPLE
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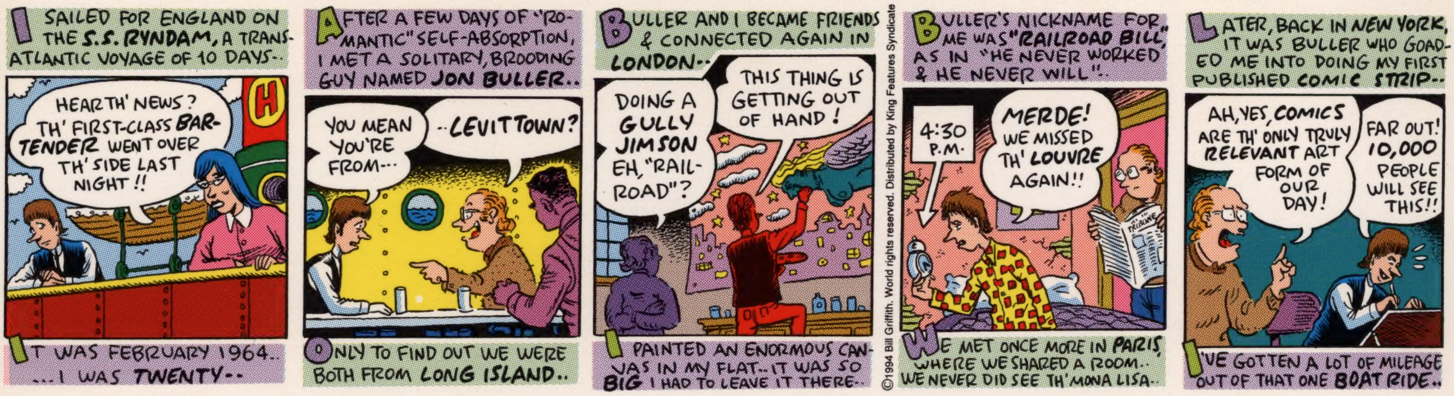
NEVER HAD A BIG MAC
WITHOUT ESPRESS


I SAILED FOR ENGLAND ON THE S.S. RYNDAM, A TRANS-ATLANTIC VOYAGE OF 10 DAYS..
HEAR TH' NEWS? TH' FIRST-CLASS BARTENDER WENT OVER TH' SIDE LAST NIGHT!!
H
IT WAS FEBRUARY 1964.. ..I WAS TWENTY..
AFTER A FEW DAYS OF "ROMANTIC" SELF-ABSORPTION, I MET A SOLITARY, BROODING GUY NAMED JON BULLER..
YOU MEAN YOU'RE FROM...
..LEVITTOWN?
ONLY TO FIND OUT WE WERE BOTH FROM LONG ISLAND..
BULLER AND I BECAME FRIENDS & CONNECTED AGAIN IN LONDON..
DOING A GULLY JIMSON EH, "RAIL-ROAD"?
THIS THING IS GETTING OUT OF HAND!
I PAINTED AN ENORMOUS CANVAS IN MY FLAT.. IT WAS SO BIG I HAD TO LEAVE IT THERE..
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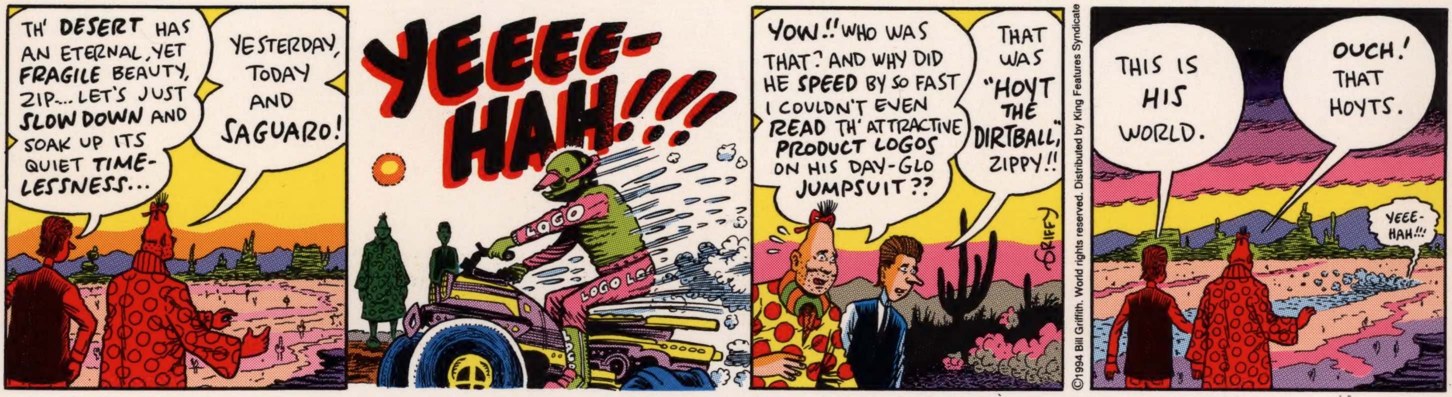
BULLER'S NICKNAME FOR ME WAS "RAILROAD BILL", AS IN "HE NEVER WORKED & HE NEVER WILL"..
4:30 P.M.
MERDE! WE MISSED TH' LOUVRE AGAIN!!
TRIBUNE
WE MET ONCE MORE IN PARIS, WHERE WE SHARED A ROOM.. WE NEVER DID SEE TH' MONA LISA..
LATER, BACK IN NEW YORK, IT WAS BULLER WHO GOADED ME INTO DOING MY FIRST PUBLISHED COMIC STRIP..
AH, YES, COMICS ARE TH' ONLY TRULY RELEVANT ART FORM OF OUR DAY!
FAR OUT! 10,000 PEOPLE WILL SEE THIS!!
I'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF MILEAGE OUT OF THAT ONE BOAT RIDE..


TH' DESERT HAS AN ETERNAL, YET FRAGILE BEAUTY, ZIP... LET'S JUST SLOW DOWN AND SOAK UP ITS QUIET TIMELESSNESS...
YESTERDAY, TODAY AND SAGUARO!
YEEEE-HAH!!!!
LOGO
LOGO LO
YOW!! WHO WAS THAT? AND WHY DID HE SPEED BY SO FAST I COULDN'T EVEN READ TH' ATTRACTIVE PRODUCT LOGOS ON HIS DAY-GLO JUMPSUIT??
THAT WAS "HOYT THE DIRTBALL," ZIPPY!!
GRIFFY
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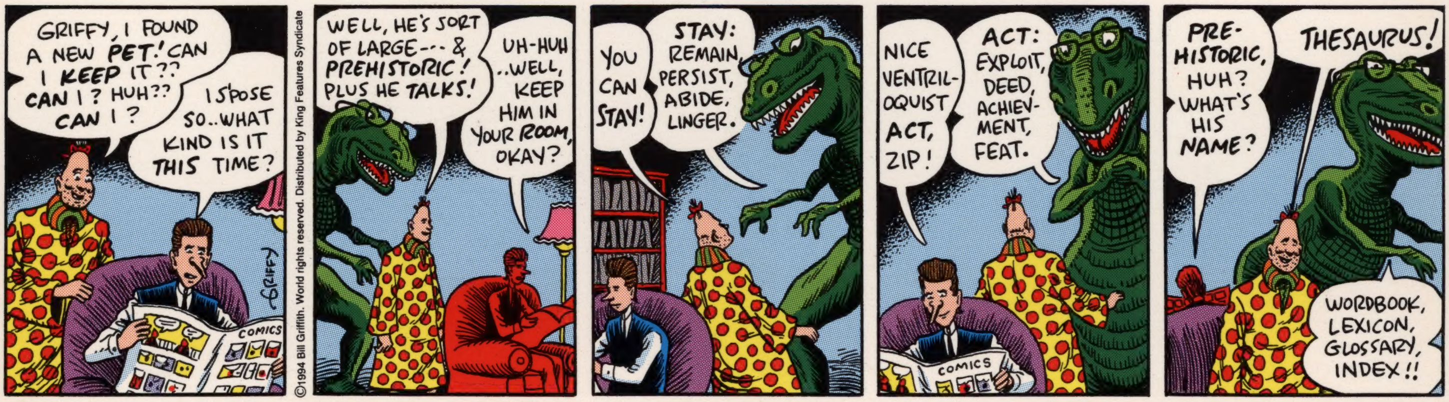
THIS IS HIS WORLD.
OUCH! THAT HOYTS.
YEEE-HAH!!!


GRIFFY, I FOUND A NEW PET! CAN I KEEP IT?? CAN I? HUH?? CAN I?
I S'POSE SO..WHAT KIND IS IT THIS TIME?
GRIFFY
COMICS
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WELL, HE'S SORT OF LARGE--- & PREHISTORIC! PLUS HE TALKS!
UH-HUH ..WELL, KEEP HIM IN YOUR ROOM, OKAY?
YOU CAN STAY!
STAY: REMAIN, PERSIST, ABIDE, LINGER.
NICE VENTRILOQUIST ACT, ZIP!
ACT: EXPLOIT, DEED, ACHIEVEMENT, FEAT.
COMICS
PRE-HISTORIC, HUH? WHAT'S HIS NAME?
THESAURUS!
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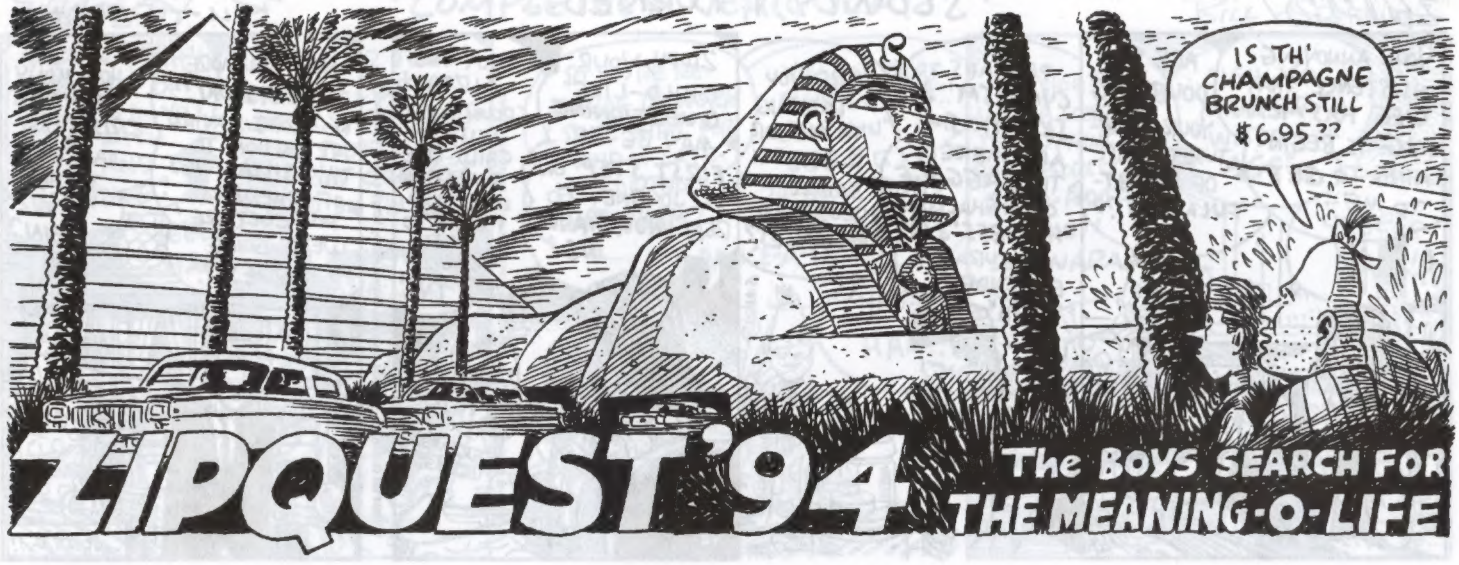
IS TH' CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH STILL $6.95??
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The BOYS SEARCH FOR
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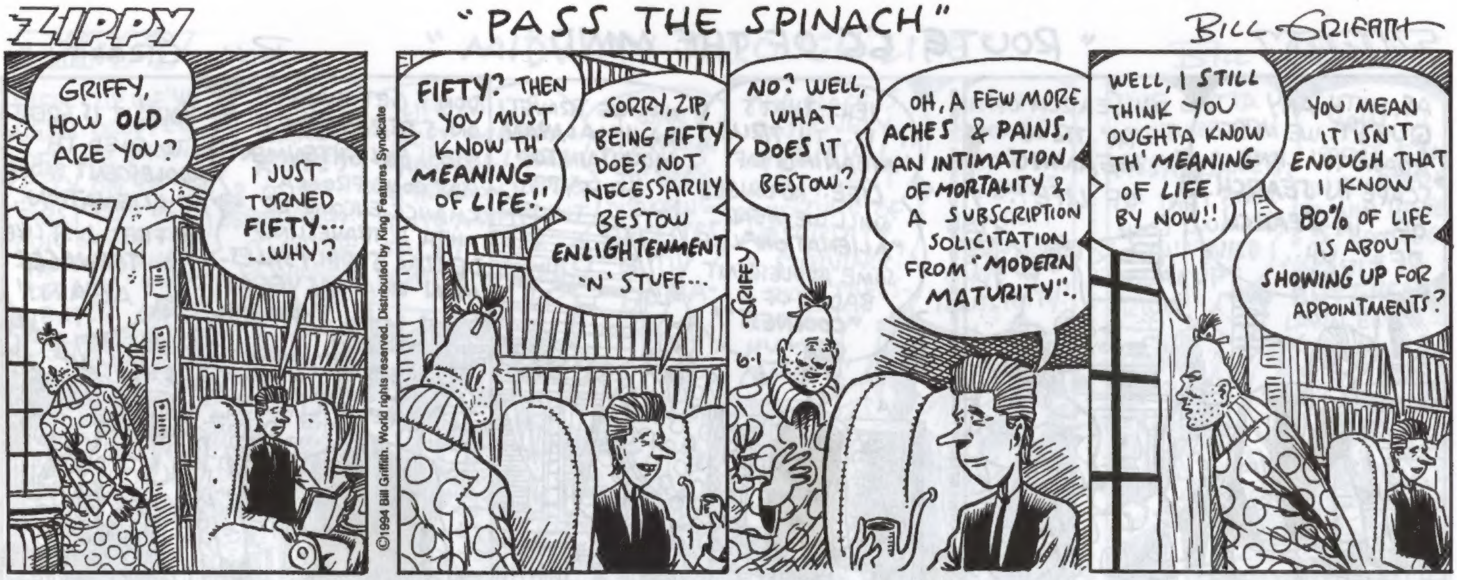
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"PASS THE SPINACH"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I JUST TURNED FIFTY... ..WHY?
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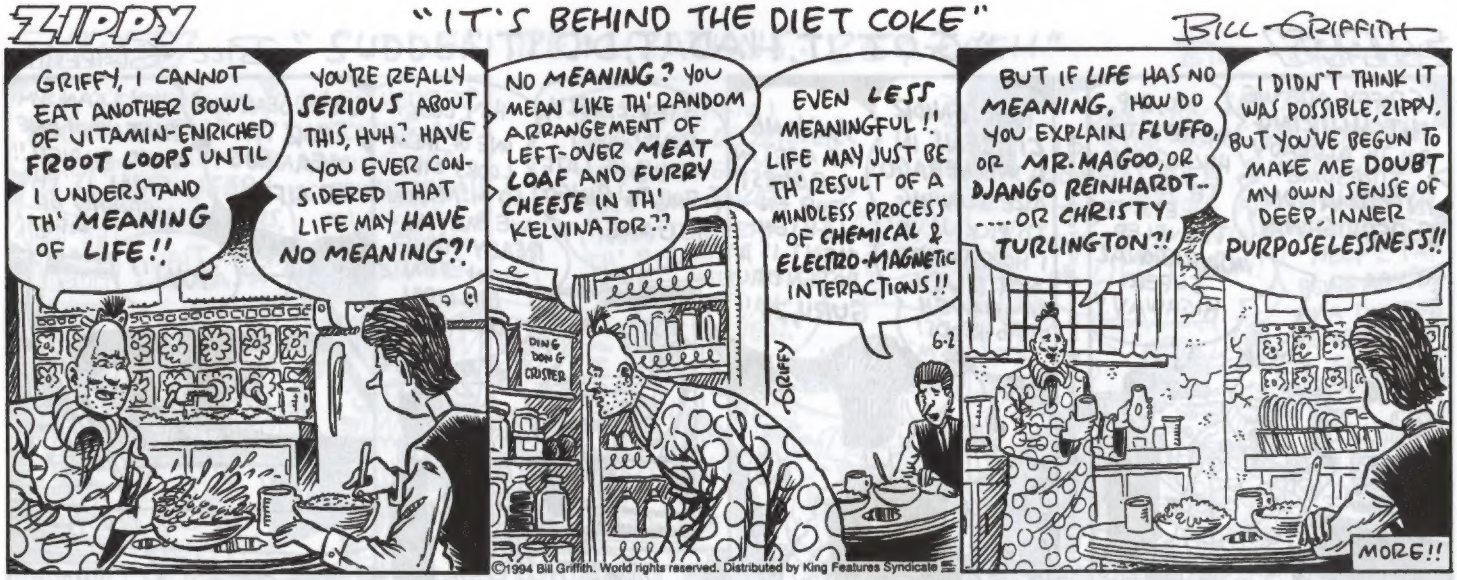
FIFTY? THEN YOU MUST KNOW TH' MEANING OF LIFE!!
SORRY, ZIP, BEING FIFTY DOES NOT NECESSARILY BESTOW ENLIGHTENMENT 'N' STUFF...
GRIFFY
6-1
NO? WELL, WHAT DOES IT BESTOW?
OH, A FEW MORE ACHES & PAINS, AN INTIMATION OF MORTALITY & A SUBSCRIPTION SOLICITATION FROM "MODERN MATURITY"..
WELL, I STILL THINK YOU OUGHTA KNOW TH' MEANING OF LIFE BY NOW!!
YOU MEAN IT ISN'T ENOUGH THAT I KNOW 80% OF LIFE IS ABOUT SHOWING UP FOR APPOINTMENTS?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"IT'S BEHIND THE DIET COKE"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, I CANNOT EAT ANOTHER BOWL OF VITAMIN-ENRICHED FROOT LOOPS UNTIL I UNDERSTAND TH' MEANING OF LIFE!!
YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, HUH? HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THAT LIFE MAY HAVE NO MEANING?!
NO MEANING? YOU MEAN LIKE TH' RANDOM ARRANGEMENT OF LEFT-OVER MEAT LOAF AND FURRY CHEESE IN TH' KELVINATOR??
DING DONG CRISTER
GRIFFY
EVEN LESS MEANINGFUL!! LIFE MAY JUST BE TH' RESULT OF A MINDLESS PROCESS OF CHEMICAL & ELECTRO-MAGNETIC INTERACTIONS!!
6-2
BUT IF LIFE HAS NO MEANING, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN FLUFFO, OR MR. MAGOO, OR DJANGO REINHARDT.. ....OR CHRISTY TURLINGTON?!
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE, ZIPPY, BUT YOU'VE BEGUN TO MAKE ME DOUBT MY OWN SENSE OF DEEP, INNER PURPOSELESSNESS!!
MORE!!
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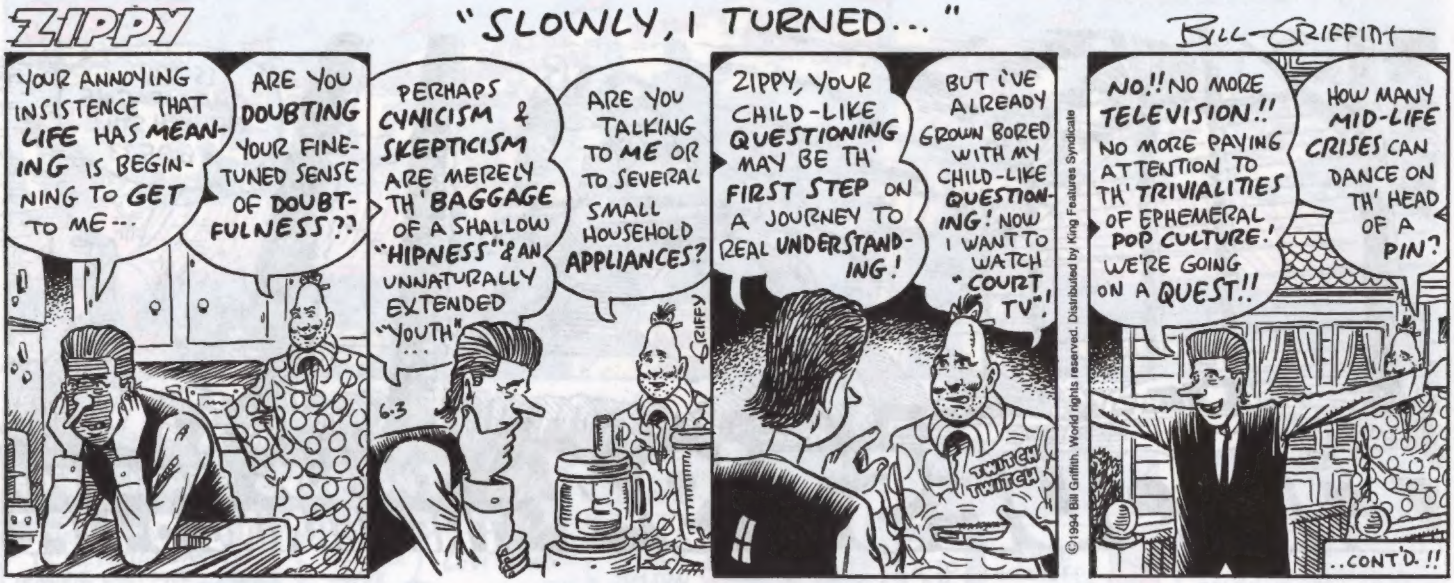
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"SLOWLY, I TURNED..."
BILL GRIFFITH
YOUR ANNOYING INSISTENCE THAT LIFE HAS MEANING IS BEGINNING TO GET TO ME...
ARE YOU DOUBTING YOUR FINE-TUNED SENSE OF DOUBTFULNESS??
PERHAPS CYNICISM & SKEPTICISM ARE MERELY TH' BAGGAGE OF A SHALLOW "HIPNESS" & AN UNNATURALLY EXTENDED "YOUTH"...
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME OR TO SEVERAL SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES?
GRIFFY
6-3
ZIPPY, YOUR CHILD-LIKE QUESTIONING MAY BE TH' FIRST STEP ON A JOURNEY TO REAL UNDERSTANDING!
BUT I'VE ALREADY GROWN BORED WITH MY CHILD-LIKE QUESTIONING! NOW I WANT TO WATCH "COURT TV"!
TWITCH TWITCH
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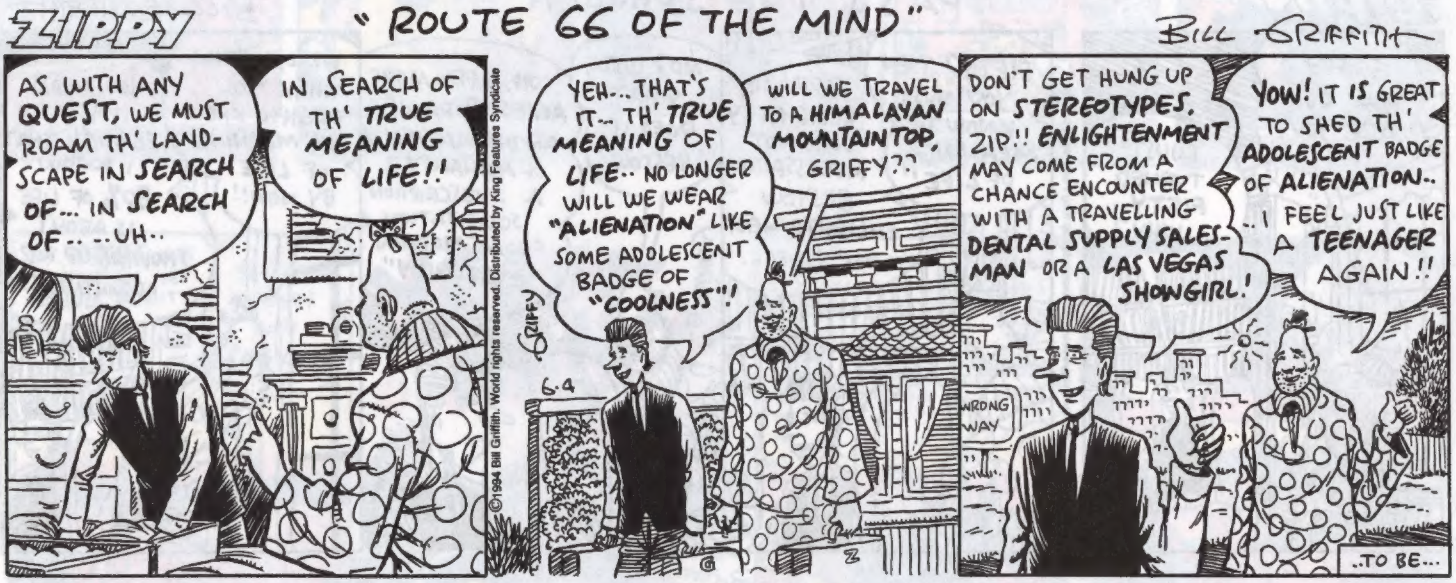
NO!! NO MORE TELEVISION!! NO MORE PAYING ATTENTION TO TH' TRIVIALITIES OF EPHEMERAL POP CULTURE! WE'RE GOING ON A QUEST!!
HOW MANY MID-LIFE CRISES CAN DANCE ON TH' HEAD OF A PIN?
..CONT'D.!!


ZIPPY
"ROUTE 66 OF THE MIND"
BILL GRIFFITH
AS WITH ANY QUEST, WE MUST ROAM TH' LANDSCAPE IN SEARCH OF... IN SEARCH OF.. ..UH..
IN SEARCH OF TH' TRUE MEANING OF LIFE!!
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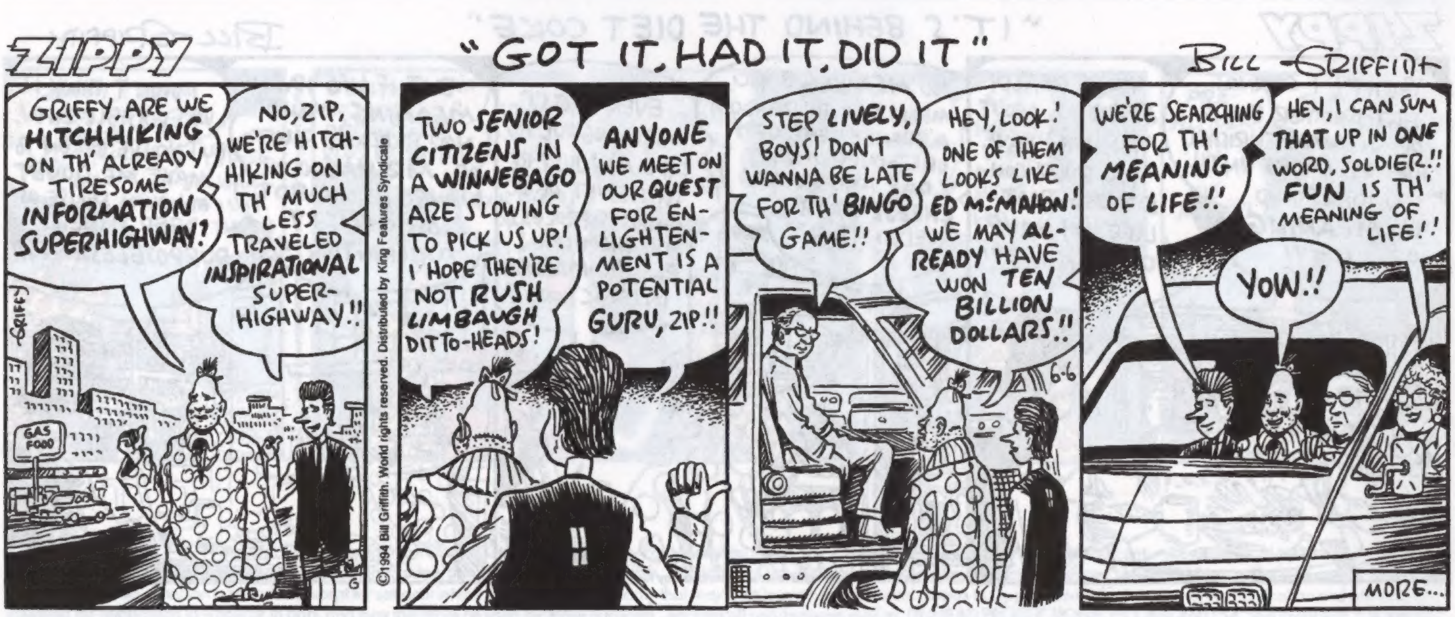
YEH... THAT'S IT... TH' TRUE MEANING OF LIFE.. NO LONGER WILL WE WEAR "ALIENATION" LIKE SOME ADOLESCENT BADGE OF "COOLNESS"!!
WILL WE TRAVEL TO A HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINTOP, GRIFFY??
GRIFFY
6-4
DON'T GET HUNG UP ON STEREOTYPES, ZIP!! ENLIGHTENMENT MAY COME FROM A CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH A TRAVELLING DENTAL SUPPLY SALESMAN OR A LAS VEGAS SHOWGIRL!
YOW! IT IS GREAT TO SHED TH' ADOLESCENT BADGE OF ALIENATION.. ..I FEEL JUST LIKE A TEENAGER AGAIN!!
WRONG WAY
..TO BE...


ZIPPY
"GOT IT, HAD IT, DID IT"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, ARE WE HITCHHIKING ON TH' ALREADY TIRESOME INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY?
NO, ZIP, WE'RE HITCHHIKING ON TH' MUCH LESS TRAVELED INSPIRATIONAL SUPER-HIGHWAY!!
GRIFFY
GAS FOOD
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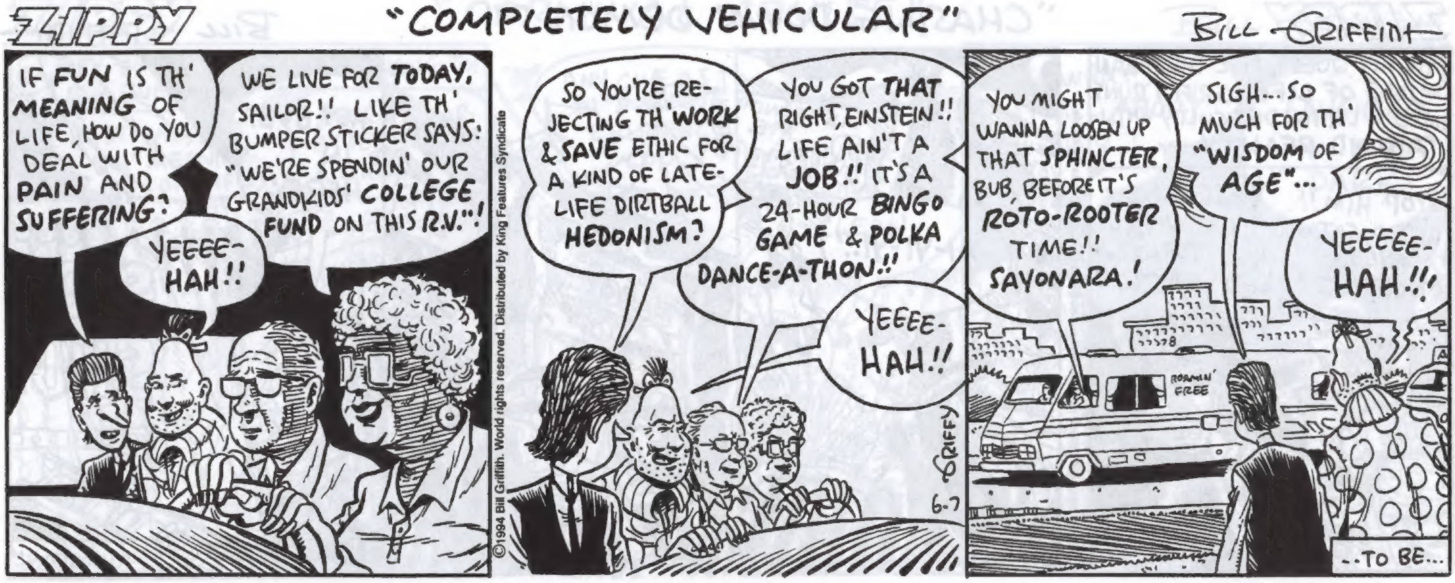
TWO SENIOR CITIZENS IN A WINNEBAGO ARE SLOWING TO PICK US UP! I HOPE THEY'RE NOT RUSH LIMBAUGH DITTO-HEADS!
ANYONE WE MEET ON OUR QUEST FOR ENLIGHTENMENT IS A POTENTIAL GURU, ZIP!!
STEP LIVELY, BOYS! DON'T WANNA BE LATE FOR TH' BINGO GAME!!
HEY, LOOK! ONE OF THEM LOOKS LIKE ED McMAHON! WE MAY ALREADY HAVE WON TEN BILLION DOLLARS!!
6-6
WE'RE SEARCHING FOR TH' MEANING OF LIFE!!
HEY, I CAN SUM THAT UP IN ONE WORD, SOLDIER!! FUN IS TH' MEANING OF LIFE!!
YOW!!
MORE...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"COMPLETELY VEHICULAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
IF FUN IS TH' MEANING OF LIFE, HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH PAIN AND SUFFERING?
WE LIVE FOR TODAY, SAILOR!! LIKE TH' BUMPER STICKER SAYS: "WE'RE SPENDIN' OUR GRANDKIDS' COLLEGE FUND ON THIS R.V."!
YEEEE-HAH!!
SO YOU'RE REJECTING TH' WORK & SAVE ETHIC FOR A KIND OF LATE-LIFE DIRTBALL HEDONISM?
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, EINSTEIN!! LIFE AIN'T A JOB!! IT'S A 24-HOUR BINGO GAME & POLKA DANCE-A-THON!!
YEEEE-HAH!!
GRIFFY
6-7
YOU MIGHT WANNA LOOSEN UP THAT SPHINCTER, BUB, BEFORE IT'S ROTO-ROOTER TIME!! SAYONARA!
SIGH... SO MUCH FOR TH' "WISDOM OF AGE"...
YEEEEE-HAH!!!
ROAMIN' FREE
...TO BE...

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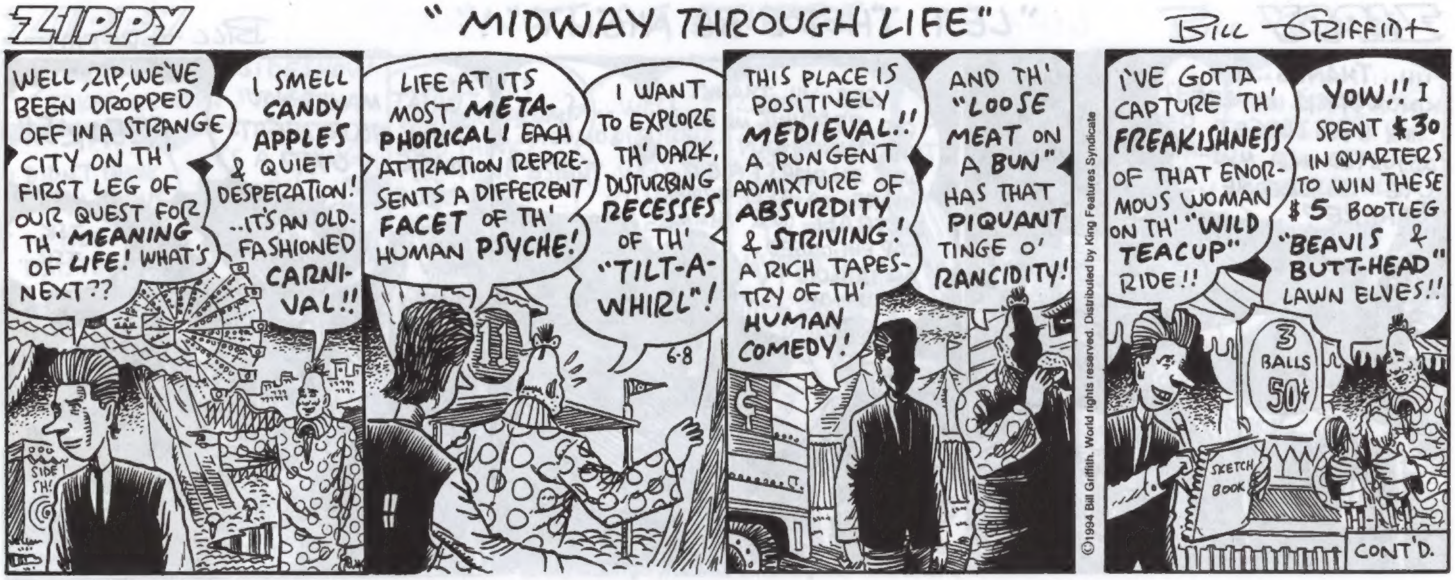
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" MIDWAY THROUGH LIFE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WELL, ZIP, WE'VE BEEN DROPPED OFF IN A STRANGE CITY ON TH' FIRST LEG OF OUR QUEST FOR TH' MEANING OF LIFE! WHAT'S NEXT??
I SMELL CANDY APPLES & QUIET DESPERATION! ..IT'S AN OLD-FASHIONED CARNIVAL!!
SIDE SH
LIFE AT ITS MOST METAPHORICAL! EACH ATTRACTION REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT FACET OF TH' HUMAN PSYCHE!
I WANT TO EXPLORE TH' DARK, DISTURBING RECESSES OF TH' "TILT-A-WHIRL"!
6·8
THIS PLACE IS POSITIVELY MEDIEVAL!! A PUNGENT ADMIXTURE OF ABSURDITY & STRIVING! A RICH TAPESTRY OF TH' HUMAN COMEDY!
AND TH' "LOOSE MEAT ON A BUN" HAS THAT PIQUANT TINGE O' RANCIDITY!
I'VE GOTTA CAPTURE TH' FREAKISHNESS OF THAT ENORMOUS WOMAN ON TH' "WILD TEACUP" RIDE!!
YOW!! I SPENT $30 IN QUARTERS TO WIN THESE $5 BOOTLEG "BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD" LAWN ELVES!!
3 BALLS 50¢
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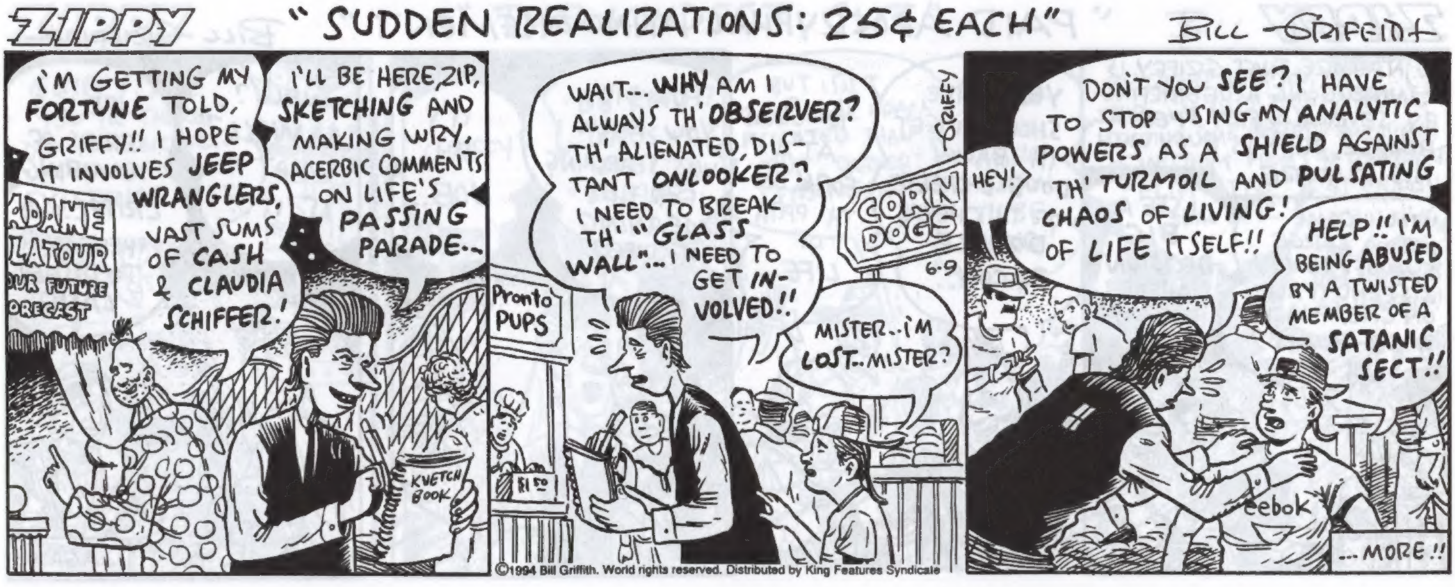
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" SUDDEN REALIZATIONS: 25¢ EACH"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M GETTING MY FORTUNE TOLD, GRIFFY!! I HOPE IT INVOLVES JEEP WRANGLERS, VAST SUMS OF CASH & CLAUDIA SCHIFFER!
I'LL BE HERE, ZIP, SKETCHING AND MAKING WRY, ACERBIC COMMENTS ON LIFE'S PASSING PARADE...
ADAME LATOUR UR FUTURE ORECAST
KVETCH BOOK
WAIT... WHY AM I ALWAYS TH' OBSERVER? TH' ALIENATED, DISTANT ONLOOKER? I NEED TO BREAK TH' "GLASS WALL"... I NEED TO GET INVOLVED!!
GRIFFY
CORN DOGS
6-9
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MISTER.. I'M LOST.. MISTER?
HEY!
DON'T YOU SEE? I HAVE TO STOP USING MY ANALYTIC POWERS AS A SHIELD AGAINST TH' TURMOIL AND PULSATING CHAOS OF LIVING! OF LIFE ITSELF!!
HELP!! I'M BEING ABUSED BY A TWISTED MEMBER OF A SATANIC SECT!!
eebok
... MORE!!

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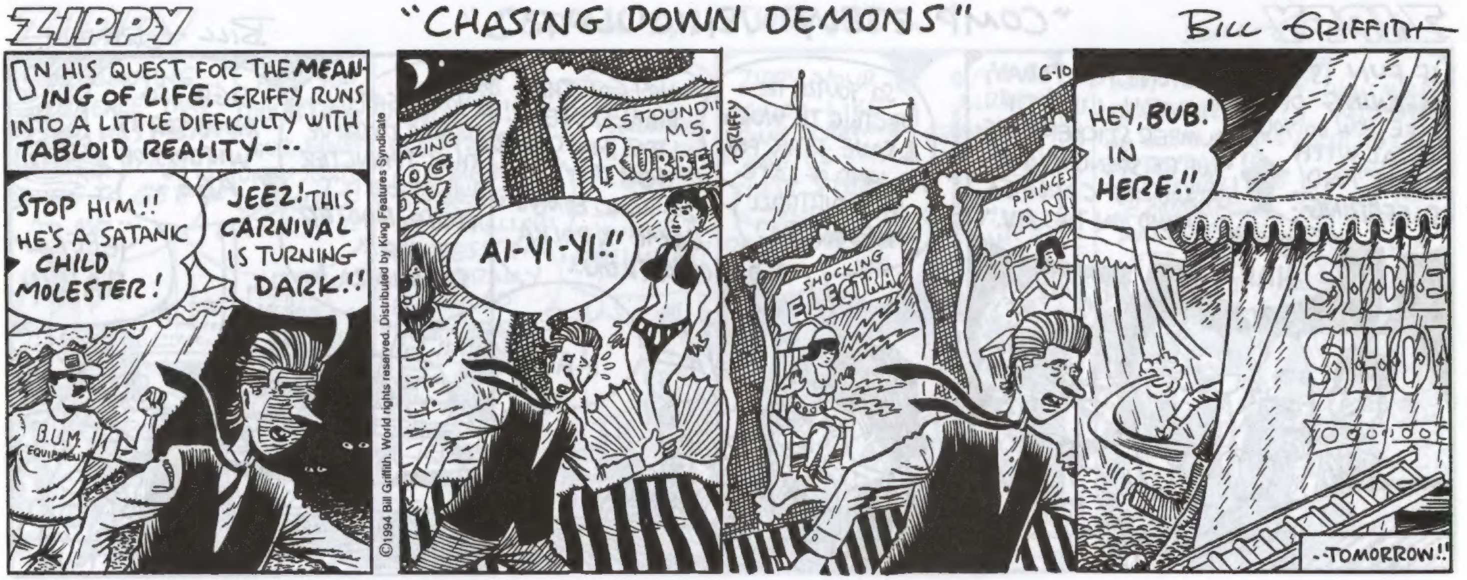
ZIPPY
"CHASING DOWN DEMONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN HIS QUEST FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE, GRIFFY RUNS INTO A LITTLE DIFFICULTY WITH TABLOID REALITY--..
STOP HIM!! HE'S A SATANIC CHILD MOLESTER!
JEEZ! THIS CARNIVAL IS TURNING DARK!!
B.U.M. EQUIPMENT
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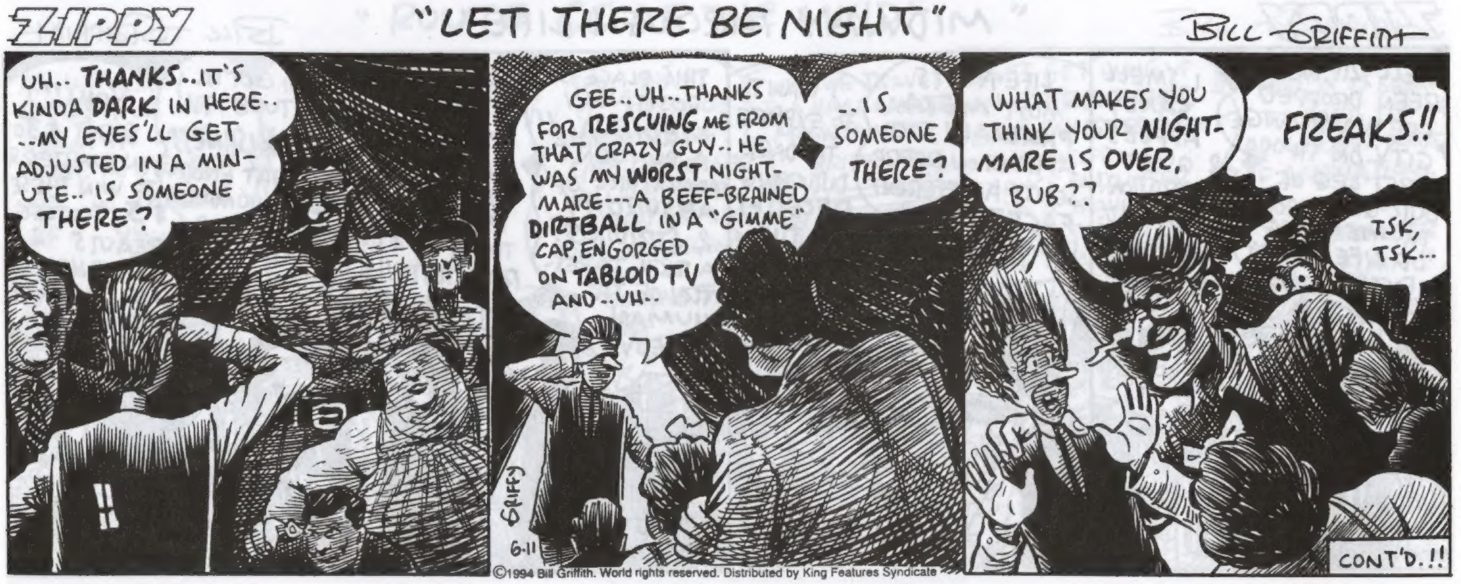
AMAZING OG OY
ASTOUNDI MS. RUBBE
AI-YI-YI.!!
GRIFFY
6-10
SHOCKING ELECTRA
PRINCES ANN
HEY, BUB! IN HERE!!
SIDE SHOW
--TOMORROW!!


ZIPPY
"LET THERE BE NIGHT"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH.. THANKS..IT'S KINDA DARK IN HERE.. ..MY EYES'LL GET ADJUSTED IN A MINUTE.. IS SOMEONE THERE?
GEE..UH..THANKS FOR RESCUING ME FROM THAT CRAZY GUY.. HE WAS MY WORST NIGHTMARE---A BEEF-BRAINED DIRTBALL IN A "GIMME" CAP, ENGORGED ON TABLOID TV AND..UH..
..IS SOMEONE THERE?
GRIFFY
6-11
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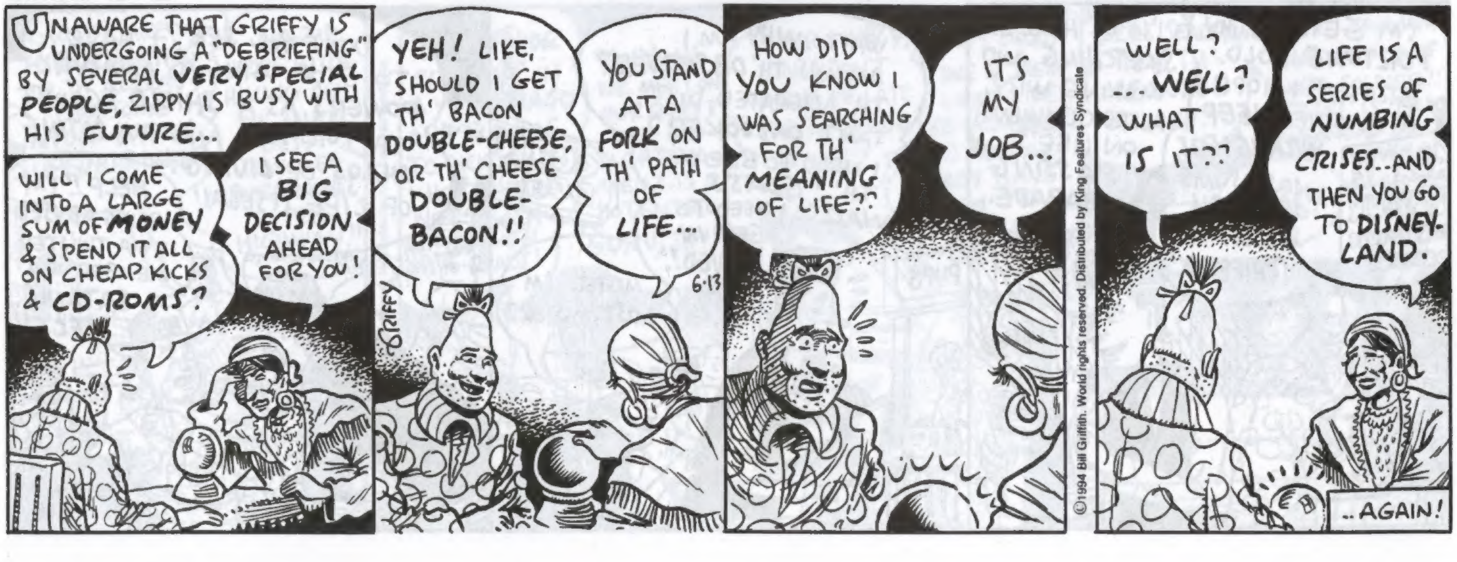
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOUR NIGHTMARE IS OVER, BUB??
FREAKS!!
TSK, TSK...
CONT'D.!!


ZIPPY
"PAID APOCRYPHAL ANNOUNCEMENT"
BILL GRIFFITH
UNAWARE THAT GRIFFY IS UNDERGOING A "DEBRIEFING" BY SEVERAL VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE, ZIPPY IS BUSY WITH HIS FUTURE...
WILL I COME INTO A LARGE SUM OF MONEY & SPEND IT ALL ON CHEAP KICKS & CD-ROMS?
I SEE A BIG DECISION AHEAD FOR YOU!
YEH! LIKE, SHOULD I GET TH' BACON DOUBLE-CHEESE, OR TH' CHEESE DOUBLE-BACON!!
YOU STAND AT A FORK ON TH' PATH OF LIFE...
GRIFFY
6-13
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS SEARCHING FOR TH' MEANING OF LIFE??
IT'S MY JOB...
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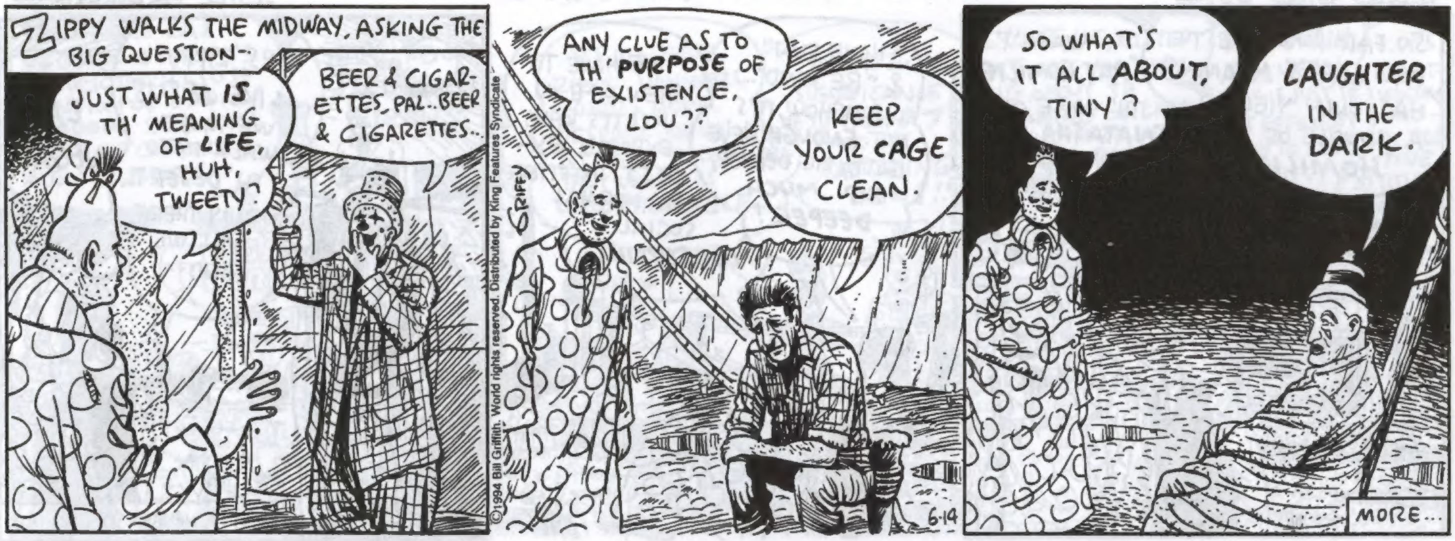
WELL? ...WELL? WHAT IS IT??
LIFE IS A SERIES OF NUMBING CRISES..AND THEN YOU GO TO DISNEYLAND.
..AGAIN!

ZIPPY "CARNIVAL CRUISE" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY WALKS THE MIDWAY, ASKING THE BIG QUESTION--
JUST WHAT IS TH' MEANING OF LIFE, HUH, TWEETY?
BEER & CIGARETTES, PAL..BEER & CIGARETTES..
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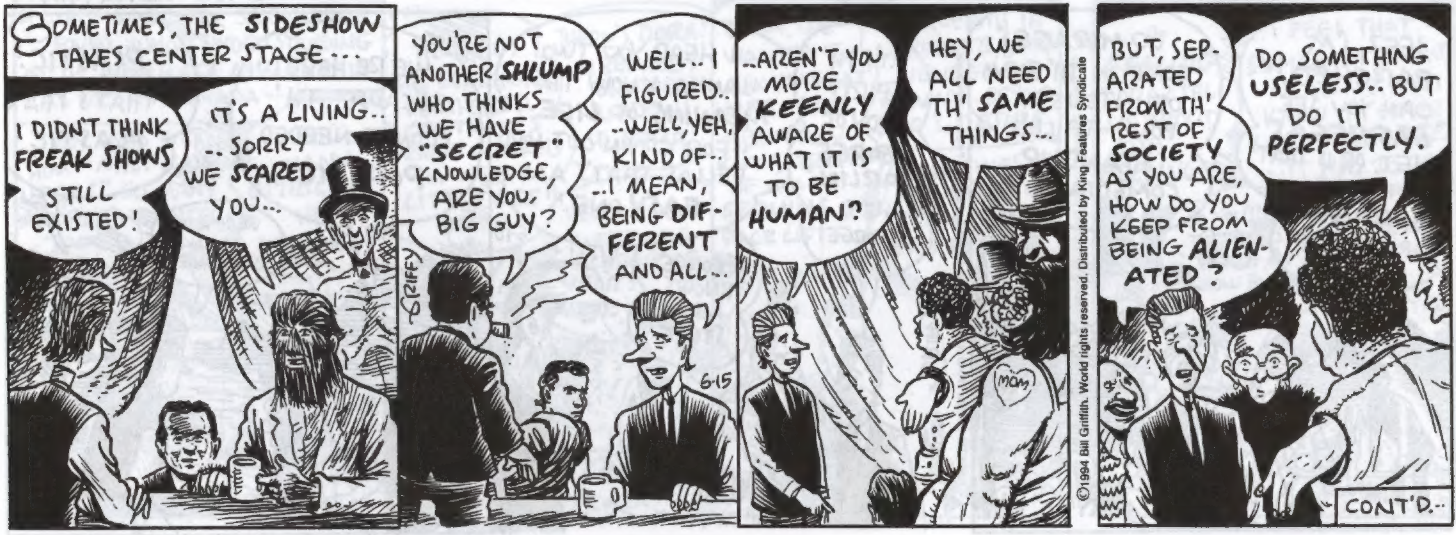
GRIFFY
ANY CLUE AS TO TH' PURPOSE OF EXISTENCE, LOU??
KEEP YOUR CAGE CLEAN.
6-14
SO WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, TINY?
LAUGHTER IN THE DARK.
MORE...

ZIPPY "NOT AS OTHERS" BILL GRIFFITH


SOMETIMES, THE SIDESHOW TAKES CENTER STAGE...
I DIDN'T THINK FREAK SHOWS STILL EXISTED!
IT'S A LIVING.. ..SORRY WE SCARED YOU...
GRIFFY
YOU'RE NOT ANOTHER SHLUMP WHO THINKS WE HAVE "SECRET" KNOWLEDGE, ARE YOU, BIG GUY?
WELL.. I FIGURED.. ..WELL, YEH, KIND OF.. ..I MEAN, BEING DIFFERENT AND ALL..
6-15
..AREN'T YOU MORE KEENLY AWARE OF WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN?
HEY, WE ALL NEED TH' SAME THINGS...
MOM
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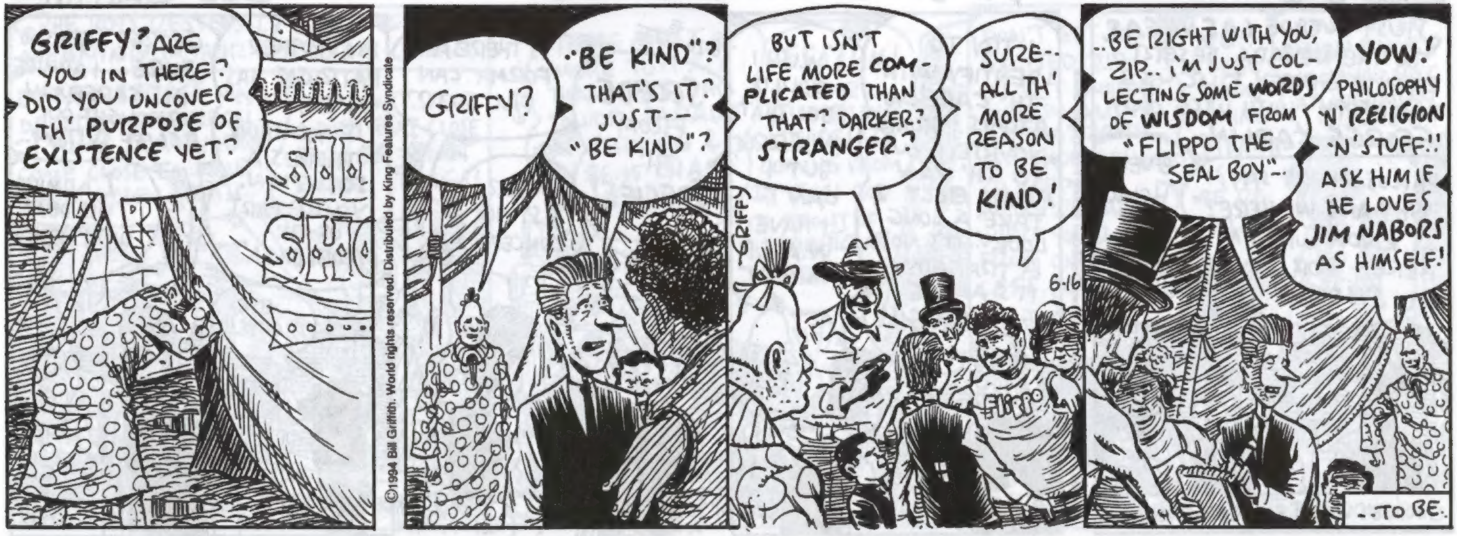
BUT, SEPARATED FROM TH' REST OF SOCIETY AS YOU ARE, HOW DO YOU KEEP FROM BEING ALIENATED?
DO SOMETHING USELESS.. BUT DO IT PERFECTLY.
CONT'D..

ZIPPY "THE KINDEST CUT" BILL GRIFFITH


GRIFFY? ARE YOU IN THERE? DID YOU UNCOVER TH' PURPOSE OF EXISTENCE YET?
SIDE SHOW
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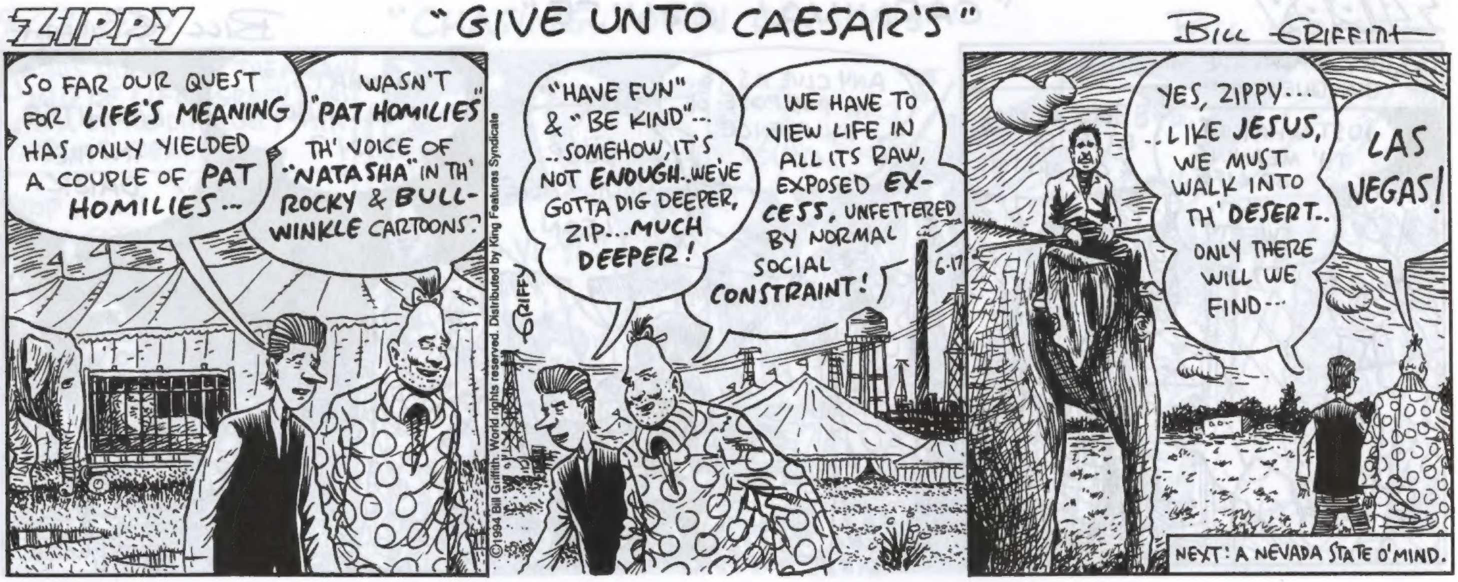
GRIFFY?
"BE KIND"? THAT'S IT? JUST-- "BE KIND"?
GRIFFY
BUT ISN'T LIFE MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT? DARKER? STRANGER?
SURE-- ALL TH' MORE REASON TO BE KIND!
6-16
FLIPPO
..BE RIGHT WITH YOU, ZIP.. I'M JUST COLLECTING SOME WORDS OF WISDOM FROM "FLIPPO THE SEAL BOY"..
YOW! PHILOSOPHY 'N' RELIGION 'N' STUFF!! ASK HIM IF HE LOVES JIM NABORS AS HIMSELF!
..TO BE.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"GIVE UNTO CAESAR'S"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO FAR OUR QUEST FOR LIFE'S MEANING HAS ONLY YIELDED A COUPLE OF PAT HOMILIES...
WASN'T "PAT HOMILIES" TH' VOICE OF "NATASHA" IN TH' ROCKY & BULLWINKLE CARTOONS?
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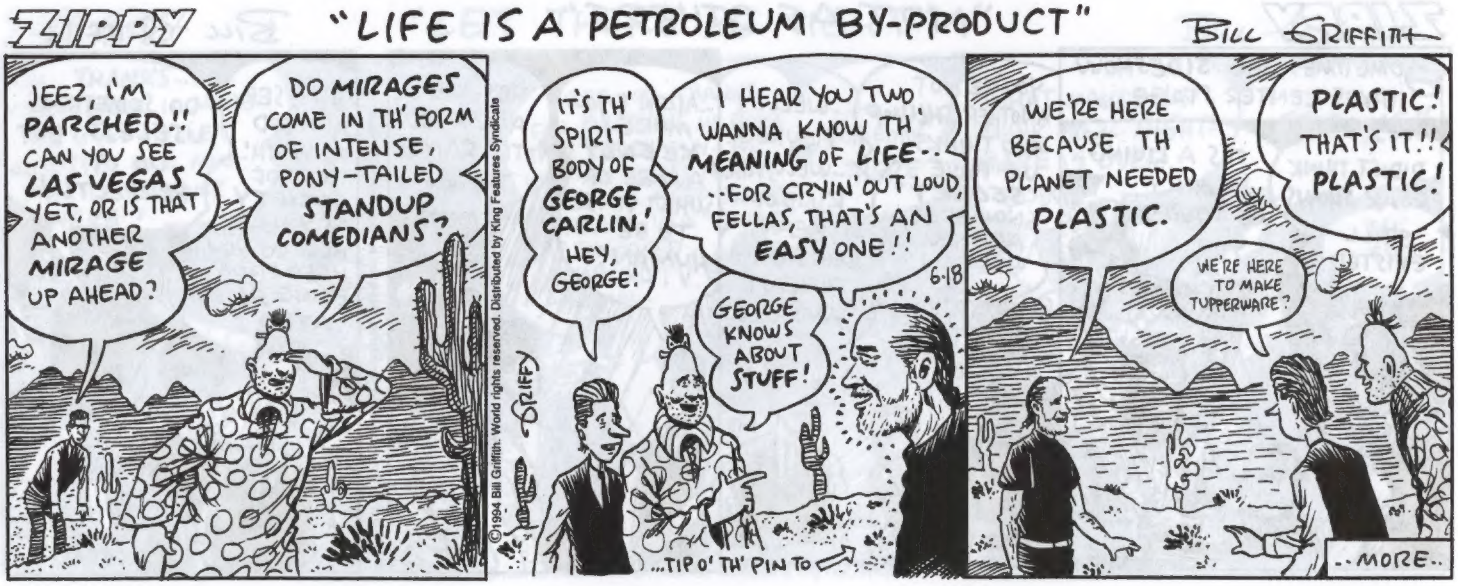
GRIFFY
"HAVE FUN" & "BE KIND"... ..SOMEHOW, IT'S NOT ENOUGH..WE'VE GOTTA DIG DEEPER, ZIP...MUCH DEEPER!
WE HAVE TO VIEW LIFE IN ALL ITS RAW, EXPOSED EXCESS, UNFETTERED BY NORMAL SOCIAL CONSTRAINT!
6-17
YES, ZIPPY... ..LIKE JESUS, WE MUST WALK INTO TH' DESERT.. ONLY THERE WILL WE FIND...
LAS VEGAS!
NEXT: A NEVADA STATE O'MIND.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"LIFE IS A PETROLEUM BY-PRODUCT"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, I'M PARCHED!! CAN YOU SEE LAS VEGAS YET, OR IS THAT ANOTHER MIRAGE UP AHEAD?
DO MIRAGES COME IN TH' FORM OF INTENSE, PONY-TAILED STANDUP COMEDIANS?
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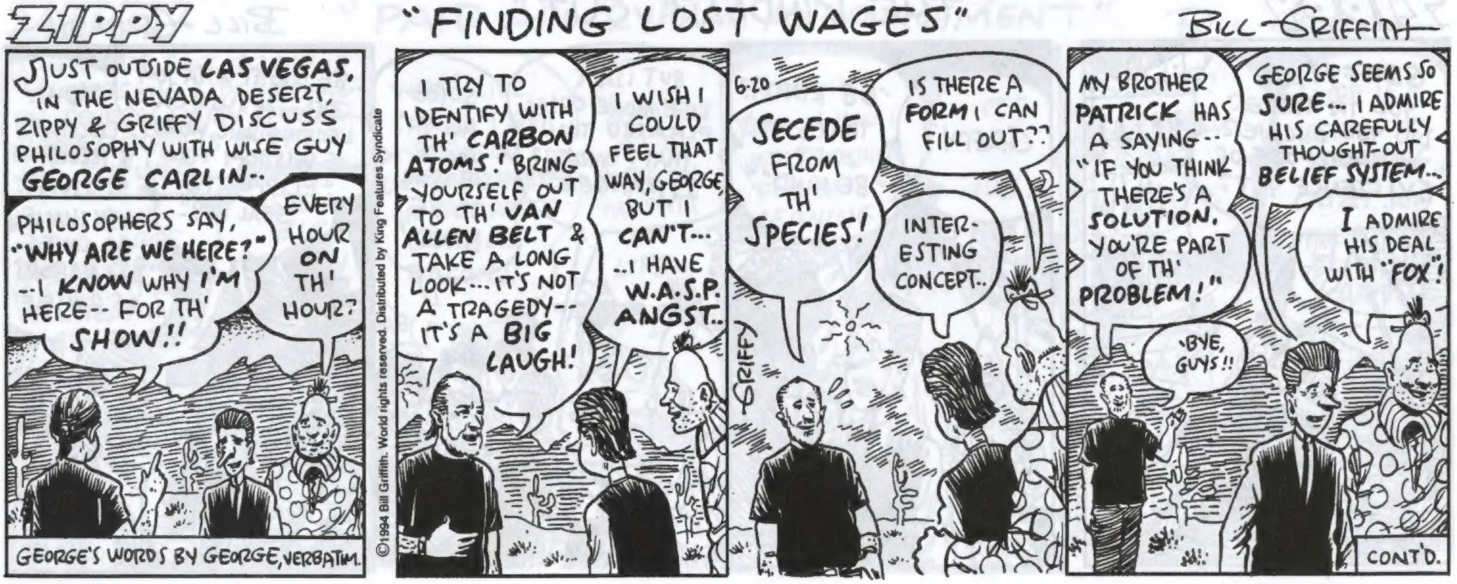
GRIFFY
IT'S TH' SPIRIT BODY OF GEORGE CARLIN! HEY, GEORGE!
I HEAR YOU TWO WANNA KNOW TH' MEANING OF LIFE.. ..FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, FELLAS, THAT'S AN EASY ONE!!
6-18
GEORGE KNOWS ABOUT STUFF!
...TIP O' TH' PIN TO
WE'RE HERE BECAUSE TH' PLANET NEEDED PLASTIC.
PLASTIC! THAT'S IT!! PLASTIC!
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE TUPPERWARE?
..MORE..


ZIPPY
"FINDING LOST WAGES"
BILL GRIFFITH
JUST OUTSIDE LAS VEGAS, IN THE NEVADA DESERT, ZIPPY & GRIFFY DISCUSS PHILOSOPHY WITH WISE GUY GEORGE CARLIN..
PHILOSOPHERS SAY, "WHY ARE WE HERE?" ..I KNOW WHY I'M HERE-- FOR TH' SHOW!!
EVERY HOUR ON TH' HOUR?
GEORGE'S WORDS BY GEORGE, VERBATIM.
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I TRY TO IDENTIFY WITH TH' CARBON ATOMS! BRING YOURSELF OUT TO TH' VAN ALLEN BELT & TAKE A LONG LOOK... IT'S NOT A TRAGEDY-- IT'S A BIG LAUGH!
I WISH I COULD FEEL THAT WAY, GEORGE, BUT I CAN'T... ..I HAVE W.A.S.P. ANGST..
GRIFFY
6-20
SECEDE FROM TH' SPECIES!
IS THERE A FORM I CAN FILL OUT??
INTERESTING CONCEPT..
MY BROTHER PATRICK HAS A SAYING-- "IF YOU THINK THERE'S A SOLUTION, YOU'RE PART OF TH' PROBLEM!"
GEORGE SEEMS SO SURE... I ADMIRE HIS CAREFULLY THOUGHT-OUT BELIEF SYSTEM..
I ADMIRE HIS DEAL WITH "FOX"!
'BYE, GUYS!!
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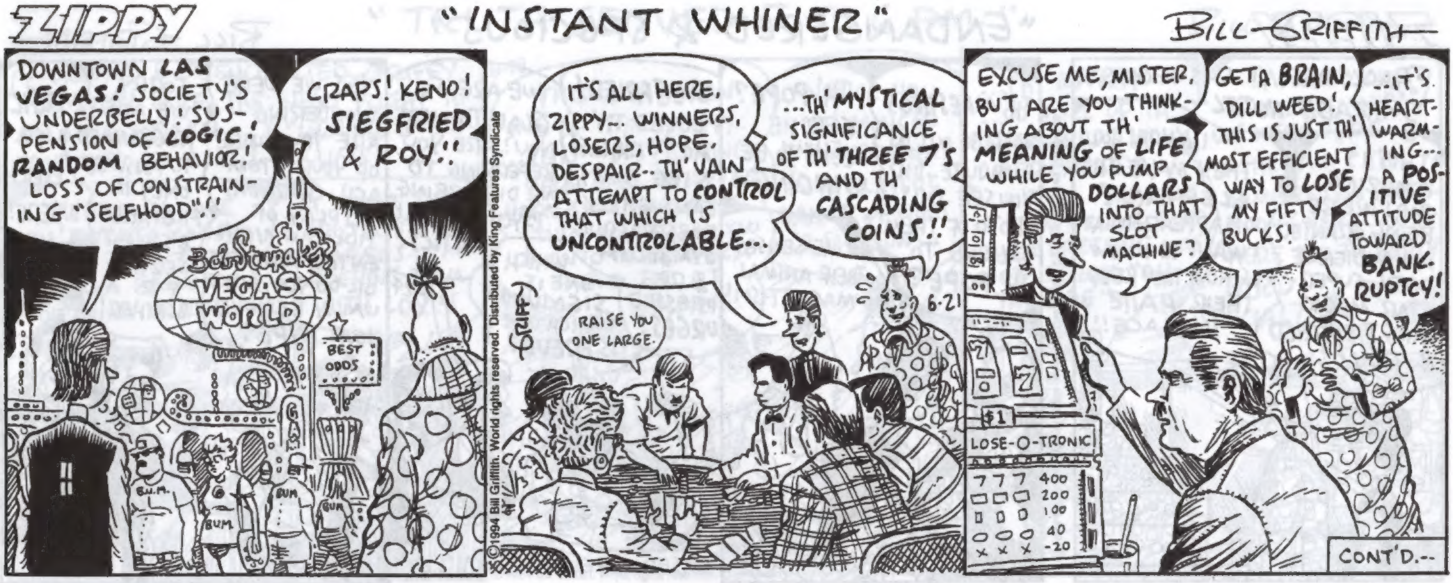
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"INSTANT WHINER"
BILL GRIFFITH
DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS! SOCIETY'S UNDERBELLY! SUSPENSION OF LOGIC! RANDOM BEHAVIOR! LOSS OF CONSTRAINING "SELFHOOD"!!
CRAPS! KENO! SIEGFRIED & ROY!!
Bob Stupak's VEGAS WORLD
BEST ODDS
B.U.M.
IT'S ALL HERE, ZIPPY.. WINNERS, LOSERS, HOPE, DESPAIR.. TH' VAIN ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THAT WHICH IS UNCONTROLABLE...
...TH' MYSTICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF TH' THREE 7'S AND TH' CASCADING COINS!!
RAISE YOU ONE LARGE.
GRIFFY
6-21
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EXCUSE ME, MISTER, BUT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT TH' MEANING OF LIFE WHILE YOU PUMP DOLLARS INTO THAT SLOT MACHINE?
GET A BRAIN, DILL WEED! THIS IS JUST TH' MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO LOSE MY FIFTY BUCKS!
..IT'S HEARTWARMING... A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD BANKRUPTCY!
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LOSE-O-TRONIC
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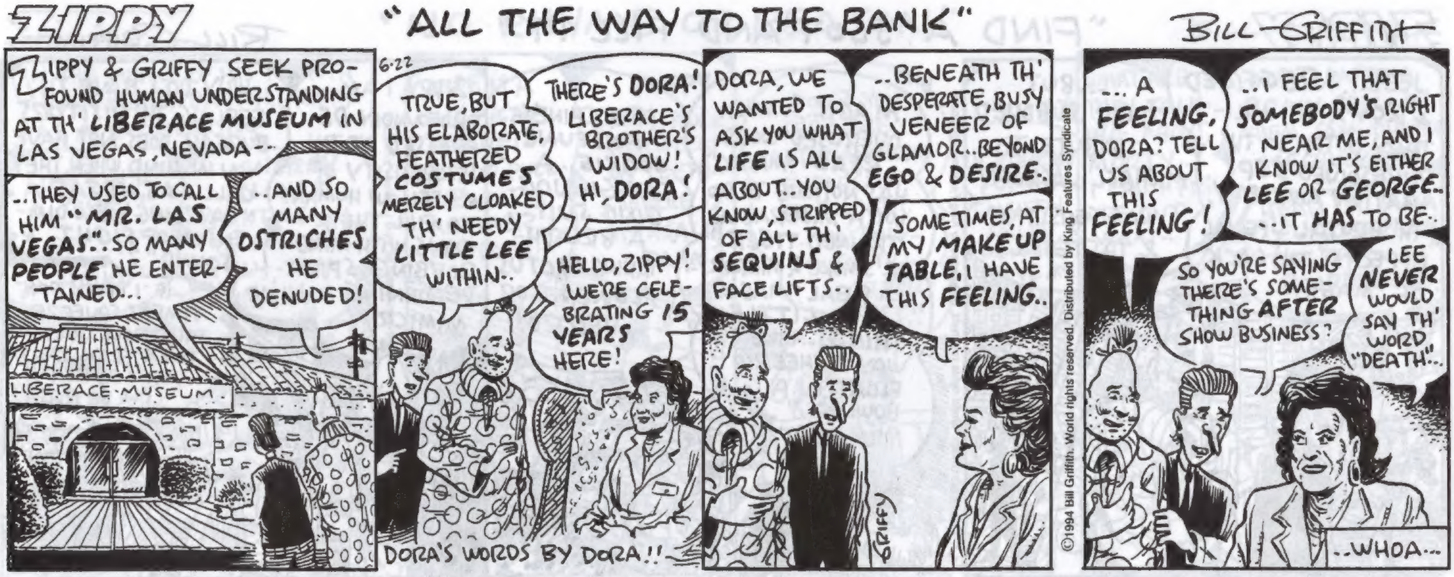
ZIPPY
"ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY SEEK PROFOUND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING AT TH' LIBERACE MUSEUM IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA--
..THEY USED TO CALL HIM "MR. LAS VEGAS".. SO MANY PEOPLE HE ENTERTAINED..
..AND SO MANY OSTRICHES HE DENUDED!
LIBERACE MUSEUM
6-22
TRUE, BUT HIS ELABORATE, FEATHERED COSTUMES MERELY CLOAKED TH' NEEDY LITTLE LEE WITHIN..
THERE'S DORA! LIBERACE'S BROTHER'S WIDOW! HI, DORA!
HELLO, ZIPPY! WE'RE CELEBRATING 15 YEARS HERE!
DORA'S WORDS BY DORA!!
DORA, WE WANTED TO ASK YOU WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.. YOU KNOW, STRIPPED OF ALL TH' SEQUINS & FACE LIFTS..
..BENEATH TH' DESPERATE, BUSY VENEER OF GLAMOR.. BEYOND EGO & DESIRE..
SOMETIMES, AT MY MAKEUP TABLE, I HAVE THIS FEELING..
GRIFFY
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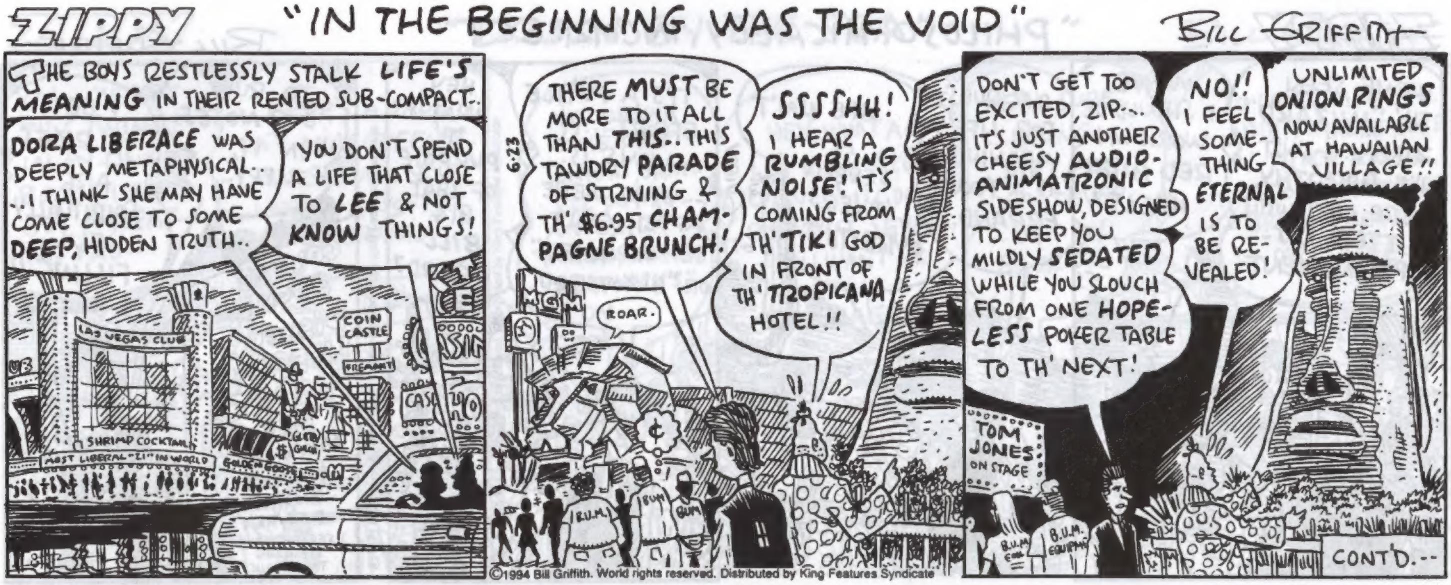
... A FEELING, DORA? TELL US ABOUT THIS FEELING!
..I FEEL THAT SOMEBODY'S RIGHT NEAR ME, AND I KNOW IT'S EITHER LEE OR GEORGE.. ..IT HAS TO BE..
SO YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S SOMETHING AFTER SHOW BUSINESS?
LEE NEVER WOULD SAY TH' WORD "DEATH"..
..WHOA..


ZIPPY
"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE VOID"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE BOYS RESTLESSLY STALK LIFE'S MEANING IN THEIR RENTED SUB-COMPACT..
DORA LIBERACE WAS DEEPLY METAPHYSICAL.. ..I THINK SHE MAY HAVE COME CLOSE TO SOME DEEP, HIDDEN TRUTH..
YOU DON'T SPEND A LIFE THAT CLOSE TO LEE & NOT KNOW THINGS!
LAS VEGAS CLUB
COIN CASTLE
FREMONT
SHRIMP COCKTAIL
MOST LIBERAL "21" IN WORLD
6-23
THERE MUST BE MORE TO IT ALL THAN THIS.. THIS TAWDRY PARADE OF STRIVING & TH' $6.95 CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH!
MGM
ROAR.
SSSSHH! I HEAR A RUMBLING NOISE! IT'S COMING FROM TH' TIKI GOD IN FRONT OF TH' TROPICANA HOTEL!!
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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED, ZIP-.. IT'S JUST ANOTHER CHEESY AUDIO-ANIMATRONIC SIDESHOW, DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU MILDLY SEDATED WHILE YOU SLOUCH FROM ONE HOPELESS POKER TABLE TO TH' NEXT!
NO!! I FEEL SOMETHING ETERNAL IS TO BE REVEALED!
UNLIMITED ONION RINGS NOW AVAILABLE AT HAWAIIAN VILLAGE!!
TOM JONES ON STAGE
B.U.M.
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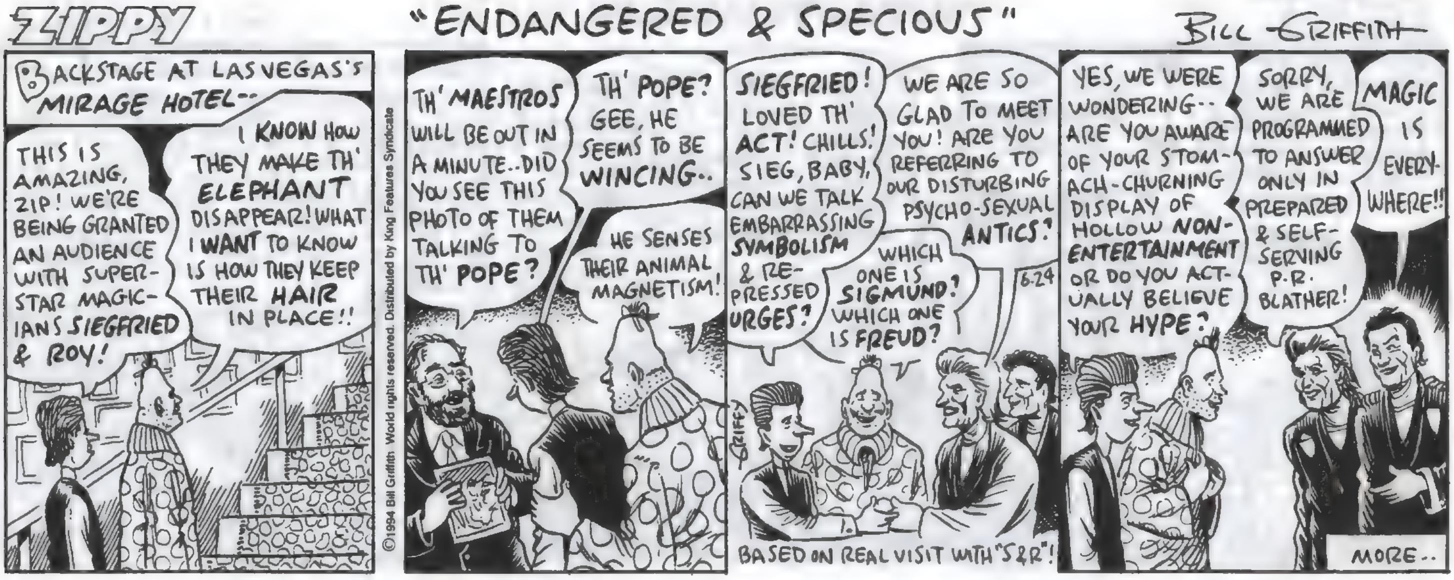
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"ENDANGERED & SPECIOUS"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACKSTAGE AT LAS VEGAS'S MIRAGE HOTEL--
THIS IS AMAZING, ZIP! WE'RE BEING GRANTED AN AUDIENCE WITH SUPER-STAR MAGICIANS SIEGFRIED & ROY!
I KNOW HOW THEY MAKE TH' ELEPHANT DISAPPEAR! WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW THEY KEEP THEIR HAIR IN PLACE!!
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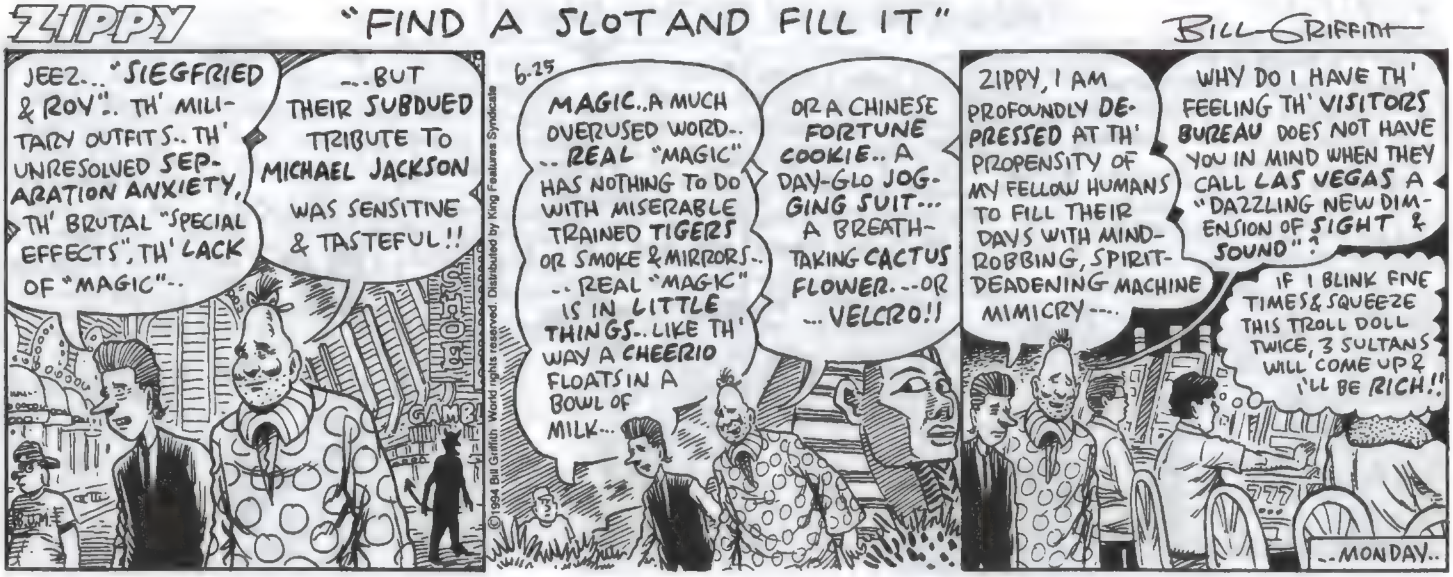
TH' MAESTROS WILL BE OUT IN A MINUTE..DID YOU SEE THIS PHOTO OF THEM TALKING TO TH' POPE?
TH' POPE? GEE, HE SEEMS TO BE WINCING..
HE SENSES THEIR ANIMAL MAGNETISM!
SIEGFRIED! LOVED TH' ACT! CHILLS! SIEG, BABY, CAN WE TALK EMBARRASSING SYMBOLISM & REPRESSED URGES?
WE ARE SO GLAD TO MEET YOU! ARE YOU REFERRING TO OUR DISTURBING PSYCHO-SEXUAL ANTICS?
WHICH ONE IS SIGMUND? WHICH ONE IS FREUD?
6-24
GRIFFY
BASED ON REAL VISIT WITH "S&R"!
YES, WE WERE WONDERING-- ARE YOU AWARE OF YOUR STOMACH-CHURNING DISPLAY OF HOLLOW NON-ENTERTAINMENT OR DO YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE YOUR HYPE?
SORRY, WE ARE PROGRAMMED TO ANSWER ONLY IN PREPARED & SELF-SERVING P.R. BLATHER!
MAGIC IS EVERYWHERE!!
MORE--


ZIPPY
"FIND A SLOT AND FILL IT"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ..."SIEGFRIED & ROY".. TH' MILITARY OUTFITS.. TH' UNRESOLVED SEPARATION ANXIETY, TH' BRUTAL "SPECIAL EFFECTS", TH' LACK OF "MAGIC"--
--BUT THEIR SUBDUED TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON WAS SENSITIVE & TASTEFUL!!
GAMBL
6-25
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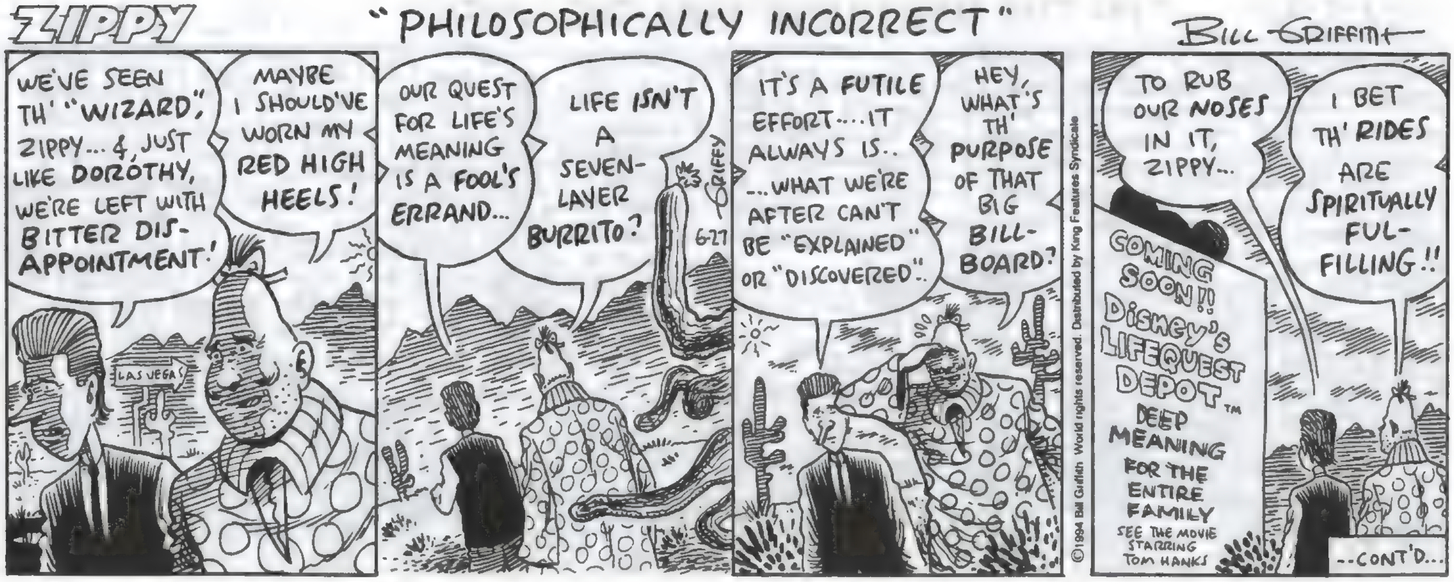
MAGIC..A MUCH OVERUSED WORD.. ..REAL "MAGIC" HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MISERABLE TRAINED TIGERS OR SMOKE & MIRRORS.. ..REAL "MAGIC" IS IN LITTLE THINGS..LIKE TH' WAY A CHEERIO FLOATS IN A BOWL OF MILK--
OR A CHINESE FORTUNE COOKIE.. A DAY-GLO JOGGING SUIT... A BREATH-TAKING CACTUS FLOWER---OR ...VELCRO!!
ZIPPY, I AM PROFOUNDLY DEPRESSED AT TH' PROPENSITY OF MY FELLOW HUMANS TO FILL THEIR DAYS WITH MIND-ROBBING, SPIRIT-DEADENING MACHINE MIMICRY----
WHY DO I HAVE TH' FEELING TH' VISITORS BUREAU DOES NOT HAVE YOU IN MIND WHEN THEY CALL LAS VEGAS A "DAZZLING NEW DIMENSION OF SIGHT & SOUND"?
IF I BLINK FIVE TIMES & SQUEEZE THIS TROLL DOLL TWICE, 3 SULTANS WILL COME UP & I'LL BE RICH!!
777
--MONDAY--


ZIPPY
"PHILOSOPHICALLY INCORRECT"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE'VE SEEN TH' "WIZARD", ZIPPY... & JUST LIKE DOROTHY, WE'RE LEFT WITH BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT!
MAYBE I SHOULD'VE WORN MY RED HIGH HEELS!
LAS VEGAS
OUR QUEST FOR LIFE'S MEANING IS A FOOL'S ERRAND...
LIFE ISN'T A SEVEN-LAYER BURRITO?
GRIFFY
6-27
IT'S A FUTILE EFFORT....IT ALWAYS IS.. ...WHAT WE'RE AFTER CAN'T BE "EXPLAINED" OR "DISCOVERED"..
HEY, WHAT'S TH' PURPOSE OF THAT BIG BILLBOARD?
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TO RUB OUR NOSES IN IT, ZIPPY...
I BET TH' RIDES ARE SPIRITUALLY FULFILLING!!
COMING SOON!! Disney's LIFEQUEST DEPOT™ DEEP MEANING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY SEE THE MOVIE STARRING TOM HANKS
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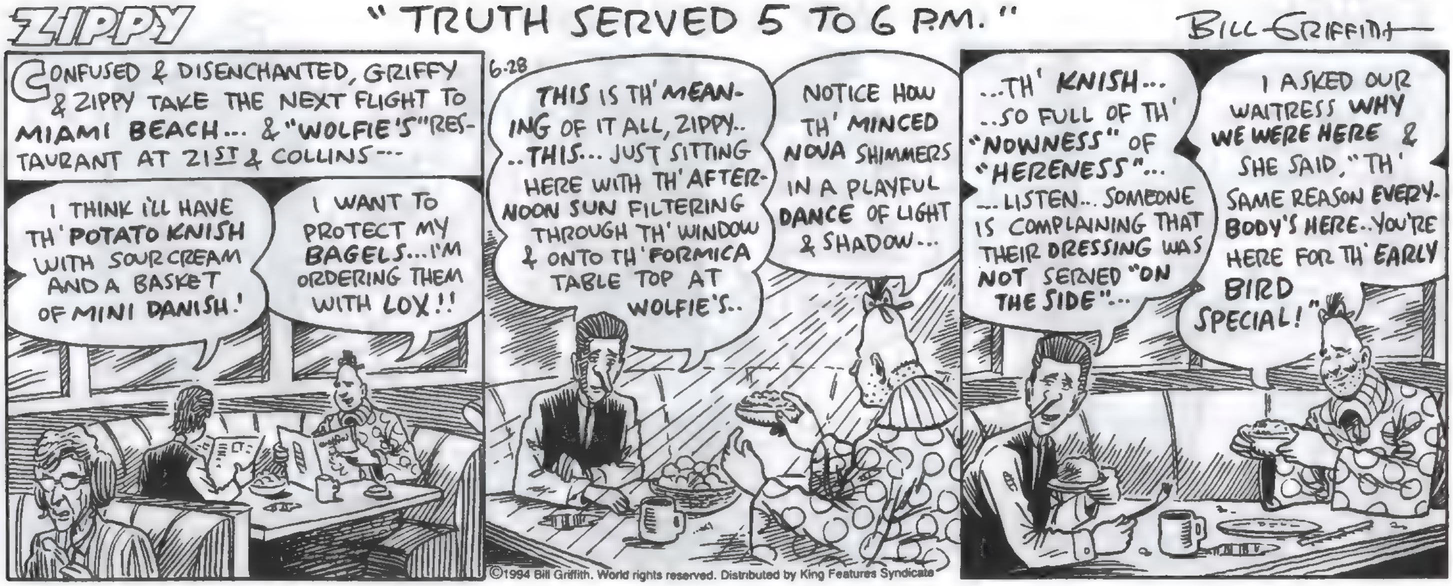
ZIPPY
"TRUTH SERVED 5 TO 6 P.M."
BILL GRIFFITH
CONFUSED & DISENCHANTED, GRIFFY & ZIPPY TAKE THE NEXT FLIGHT TO MIAMI BEACH... & "WOLFIE'S" RESTAURANT AT 21ST & COLLINS---
I THINK I'LL HAVE TH' POTATO KNISH WITH SOUR CREAM AND A BASKET OF MINI DANISH!
I WANT TO PROTECT MY BAGELS... I'M ORDERING THEM WITH LOX!!
6-28
THIS IS TH' MEANING OF IT ALL, ZIPPY.. ..THIS... JUST SITTING HERE WITH TH' AFTERNOON SUN FILTERING THROUGH TH' WINDOW & ONTO TH' FORMICA TABLE TOP AT WOLFIE'S..
NOTICE HOW TH' MINCED NOVA SHIMMERS IN A PLAYFUL DANCE OF LIGHT & SHADOW...
...TH' KNISH... ..SO FULL OF TH' "NOWNESS" OF "HERENESS"... ...LISTEN... SOMEONE IS COMPLAINING THAT THEIR DRESSING WAS NOT SERVED "ON THE SIDE"...
I ASKED OUR WAITRESS WHY WE WERE HERE & SHE SAID, "TH' SAME REASON EVERYBODY'S HERE.. YOU'RE HERE FOR TH' EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!"

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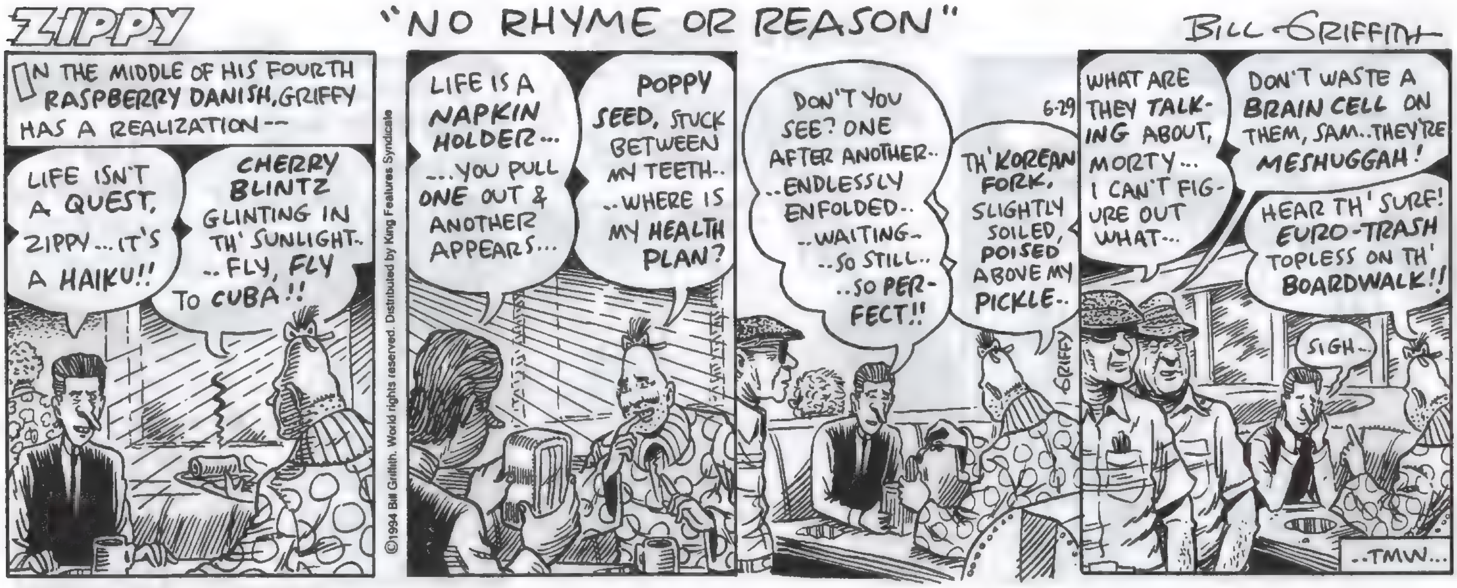
ZIPPY
"NO RHYME OR REASON"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOURTH RASPBERRY DANISH, GRIFFY HAS A REALIZATION--
LIFE ISN'T A QUEST, ZIPPY... IT'S A HAIKU!!
CHERRY BLINTZ GLINTING IN TH' SUNLIGHT.. ..FLY, FLY TO CUBA!!
LIFE IS A NAPKIN HOLDER... ...YOU PULL ONE OUT & ANOTHER APPEARS...
POPPY SEED, STUCK BETWEEN MY TEETH.. ..WHERE IS MY HEALTH PLAN?
6-29
DON'T YOU SEE? ONE AFTER ANOTHER.. ..ENDLESSLY ENFOLDED.. ..WAITING.. ..SO STILL.. ..SO PERFECT!!
TH' KOREAN FORK, SLIGHTLY SOILED, POISED ABOVE MY PICKLE..
GRIFFY
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT, MORTY... I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT...
DON'T WASTE A BRAIN CELL ON THEM, SAM.. THEY'RE MESHUGGAH!
HEAR TH' SURF! EURO-TRASH TOPLESS ON TH' BOARDWALK!!
SIGH..
..TMW...

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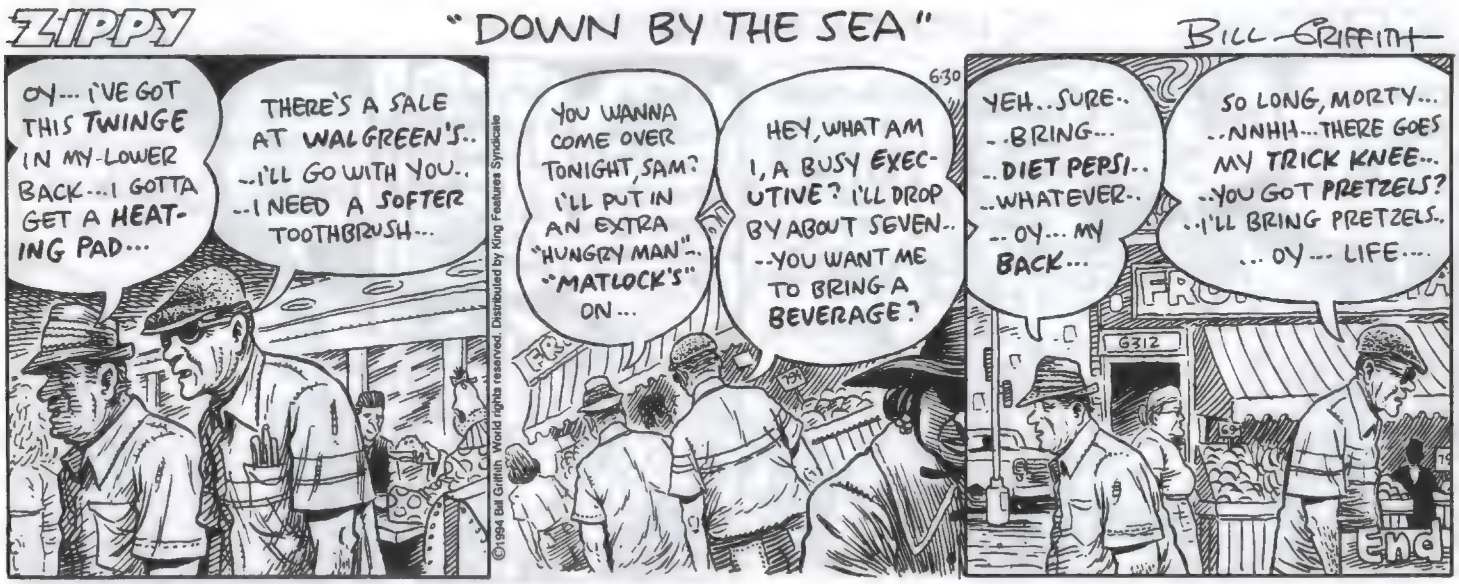
ZIPPY
"DOWN BY THE SEA"
BILL GRIFFITH
OY... I'VE GOT THIS TWINGE IN MY LOWER BACK... I GOTTA GET A HEATING PAD...
THERE'S A SALE AT WALGREEN'S.. ..I'LL GO WITH YOU.. ..I NEED A SOFTER TOOTHBRUSH...
6-30
YOU WANNA COME OVER TONIGHT, SAM? I'LL PUT IN AN EXTRA "HUNGRY MAN".. "MATLOCK'S" ON...
HEY, WHAT AM I, A BUSY EXECUTIVE? I'LL DROP BY ABOUT SEVEN.. ..YOU WANT ME TO BRING A BEVERAGE?
YEH.. SURE.. ..BRING... ..DIET PEPSI.. ..WHATEVER.. ..OY... MY BACK...
SO LONG, MORTY... ..NNHH... THERE GOES MY TRICK KNEE... ..YOU GOT PRETZELS? ..I'LL BRING PRETZELS.. ...OY... LIFE...
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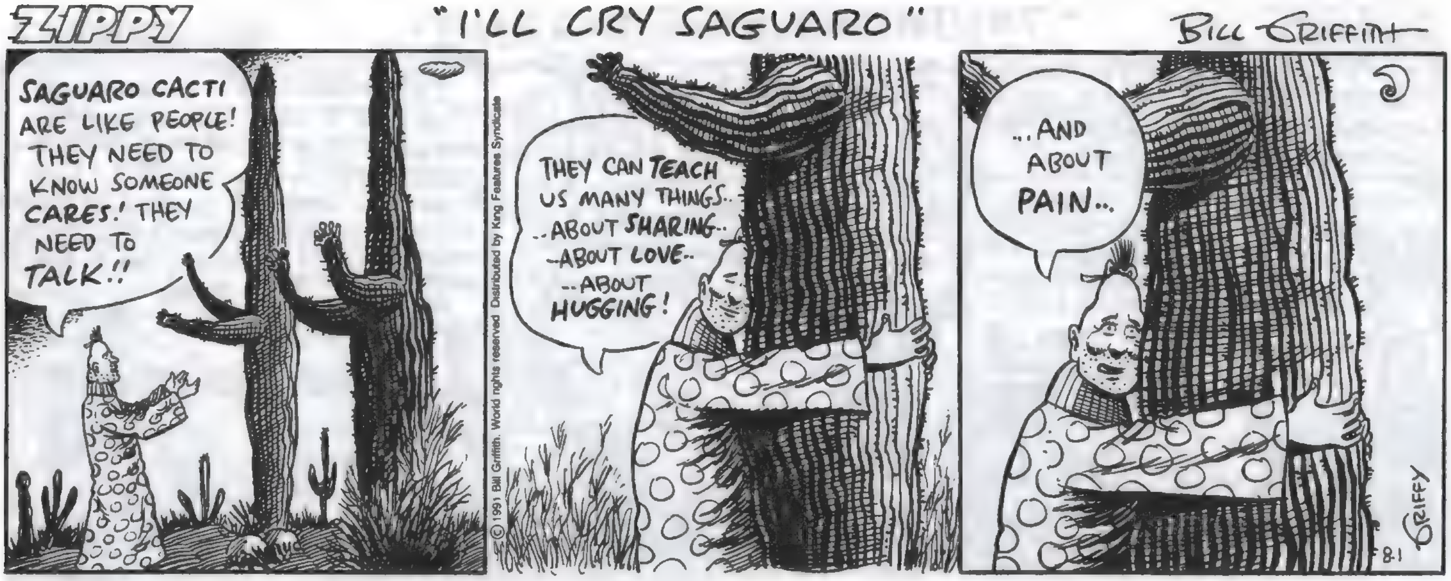
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"I'LL CRY SAGUARO"
BILL GRIFFITH
SAGUARO CACTI ARE LIKE PEOPLE! THEY NEED TO KNOW SOMEONE CARES! THEY NEED TO TALK!!
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THEY CAN TEACH US MANY THINGS.. ..ABOUT SHARING.. ..ABOUT LOVE.. ..ABOUT HUGGING!
..AND ABOUT PAIN..
GRIFFY
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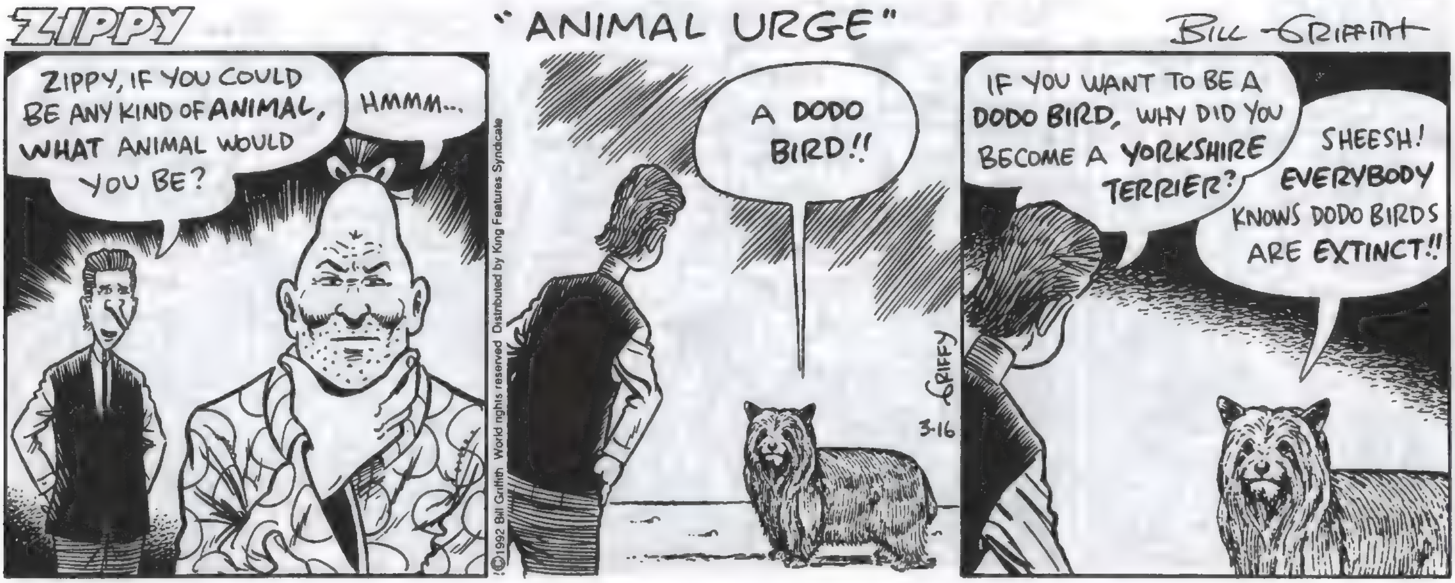
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"ANIMAL URGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, IF YOU COULD BE ANY KIND OF ANIMAL, WHAT ANIMAL WOULD YOU BE?
HMMM...
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A DODO BIRD!!
GRIFFY
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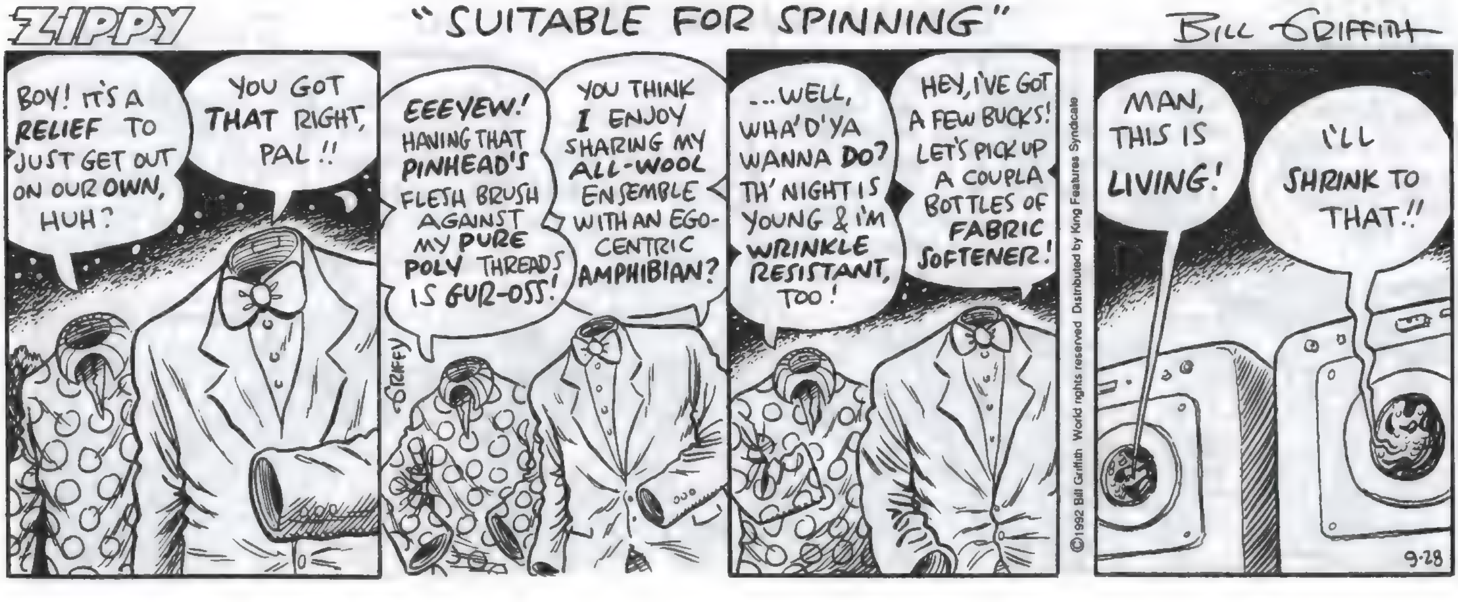
IF YOU WANT TO BE A DODO BIRD, WHY DID YOU BECOME A YORKSHIRE TERRIER?
SHEESH! EVERYBODY KNOWS DODO BIRDS ARE EXTINCT!!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"SUITABLE FOR SPINNING"
BILL GRIFFITH
BOY! IT'S A RELIEF TO JUST GET OUT ON OUR OWN, HUH?
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, PAL!!
EEEYEW! HAVING THAT PINHEAD'S FLESH BRUSH AGAINST MY PURE POLY THREADS IS GUR-OSS!
YOU THINK I ENJOY SHARING MY ALL-WOOL ENSEMBLE WITH AN EGO-CENTRIC AMPHIBIAN?
GRIFFY
...WELL, WHA'D'YA WANNA DO? TH' NIGHT IS YOUNG & I'M WRINKLE RESISTANT, TOO!
HEY, I'VE GOT A FEW BUCKS! LET'S PICK UP A COUPLA BOTTLES OF FABRIC SOFTENER!
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MAN, THIS IS LIVING!
I'LL SHRINK TO THAT!!
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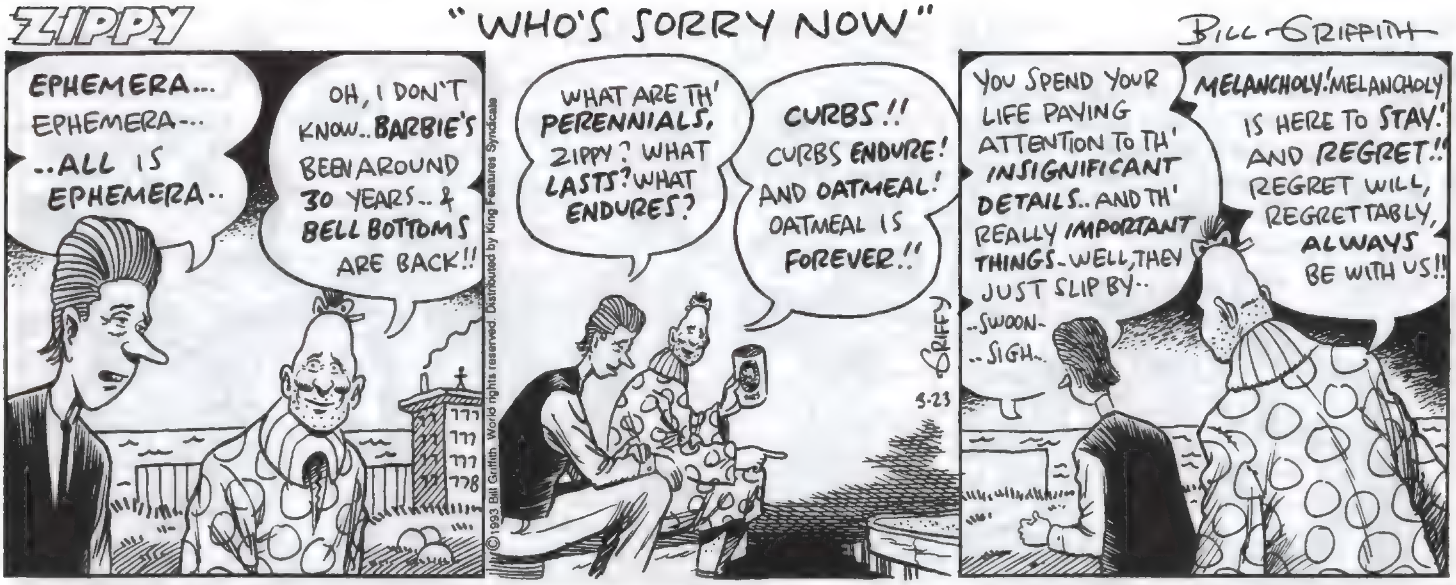
ZIPPY
"WHO'S SORRY NOW"
BILL GRIFFITH
EPHEMERA... EPHEMERA... ..ALL IS EPHEMERA..
OH, I DON'T KNOW.. BARBIE'S BEEN AROUND 30 YEARS.. & BELL BOTTOMS ARE BACK!!
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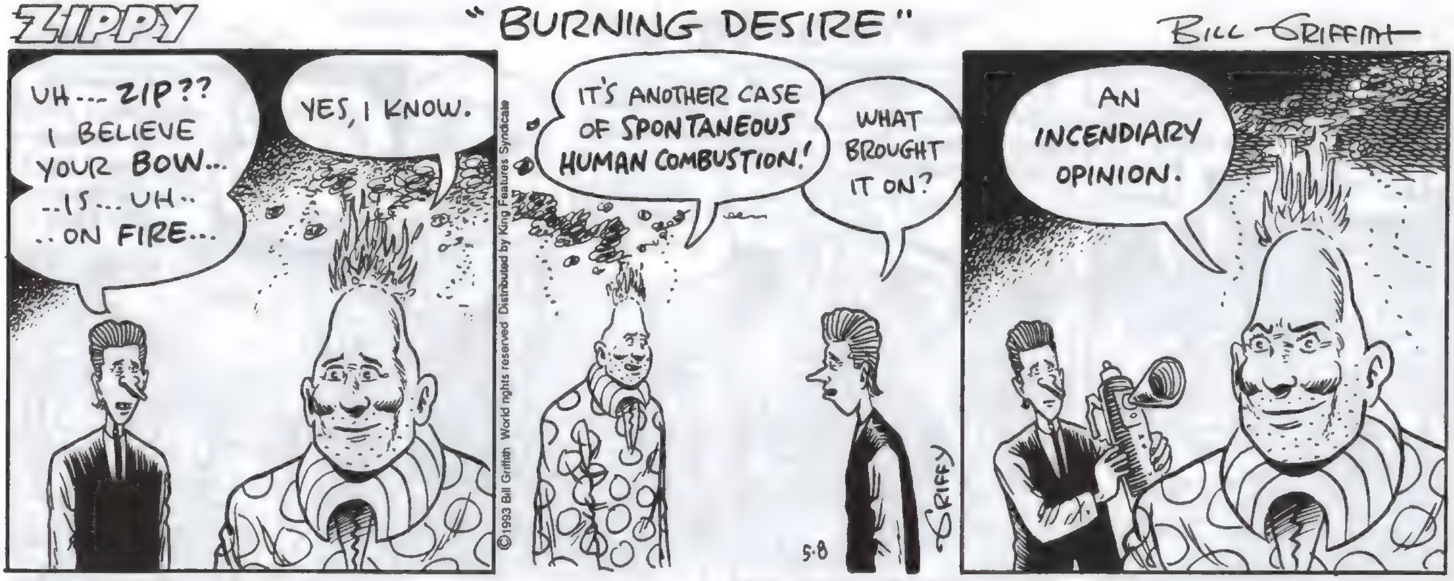
WHAT ARE TH' PERENNIALS, ZIPPY? WHAT LASTS? WHAT ENDURES?
CURBS!! CURBS ENDURE! AND OATMEAL! OATMEAL IS FOREVER!!
GRIFFY
5-23
YOU SPEND YOUR LIFE PAYING ATTENTION TO TH' INSIGNIFICANT DETAILS.. AND TH' REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS.. WELL, THEY JUST SLIP BY.. ..SWOON.. ..SIGH..
MELANCHOLY! MELANCHOLY IS HERE TO STAY! AND REGRET!! REGRET WILL, REGRETTABLY, ALWAYS BE WITH US!!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"BURNING DESIRE"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH... ZIP?? I BELIEVE YOUR BOW... ..IS... UH.. ..ON FIRE...
YES, I KNOW.
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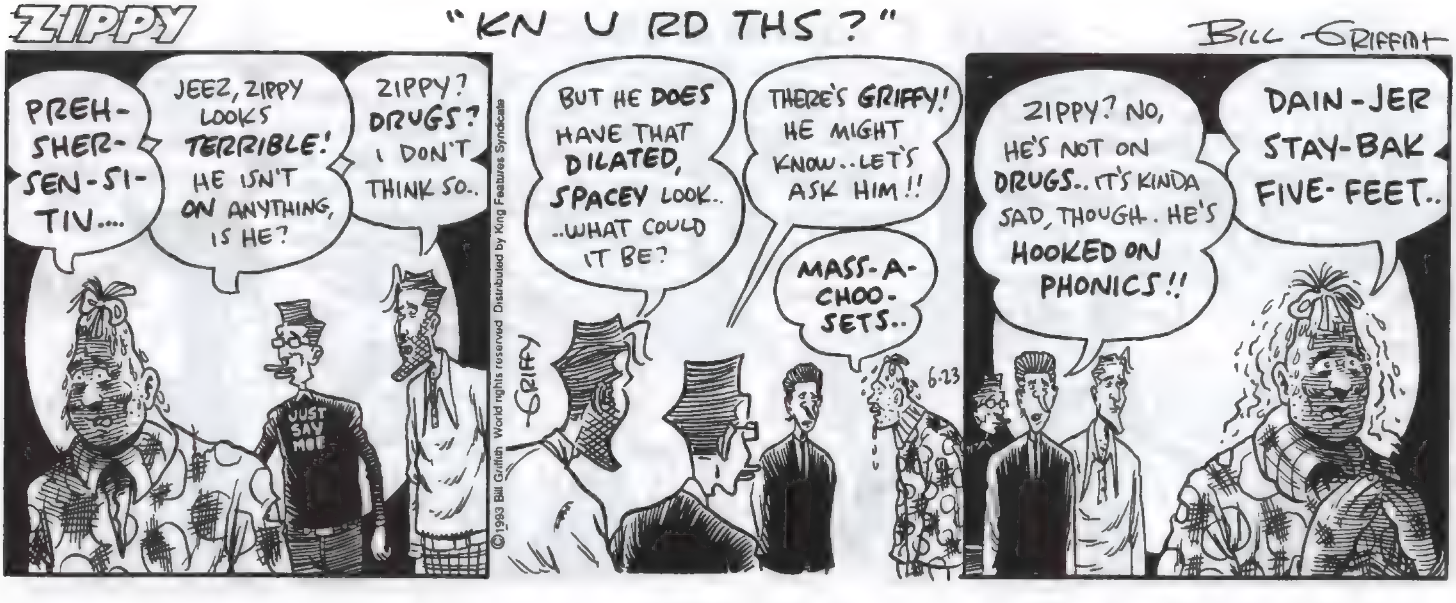
IT'S ANOTHER CASE OF SPONTANEOUS HUMAN COMBUSTION!
WHAT BROUGHT IT ON?
GRIFFY
5-8
AN INCENDIARY OPINION.


ZIPPY
"KN U RD THS?"
BILL GRIFFITH
PREH-SHER-SEN-SI-TIV....
JEEZ, ZIPPY LOOKS TERRIBLE! HE ISN'T ON ANYTHING, IS HE?
ZIPPY? DRUGS? I DON'T THINK SO..
JUST SAY MOE
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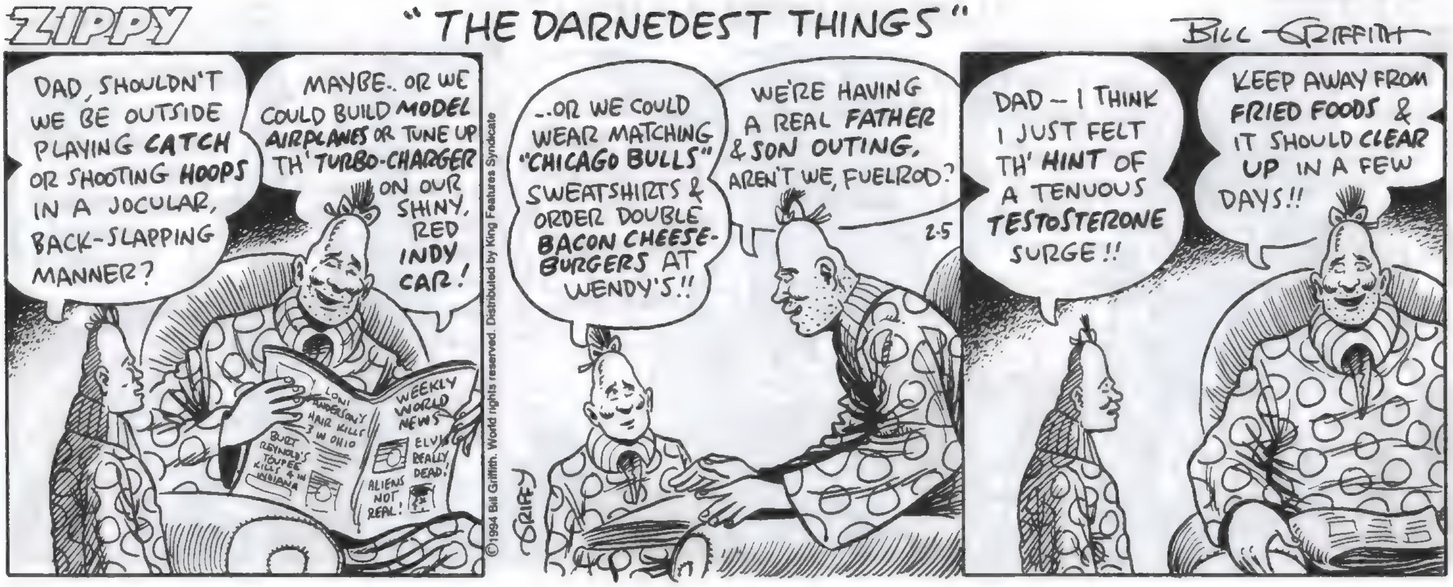
GRIFFY
BUT HE DOES HAVE THAT DILATED, SPACEY LOOK.. ..WHAT COULD IT BE?
THERE'S GRIFFY! HE MIGHT KNOW.. LET'S ASK HIM!!
MASS-A-CHOO-SETS..
6-23
ZIPPY? NO, HE'S NOT ON DRUGS.. IT'S KINDA SAD, THOUGH. HE'S HOOKED ON PHONICS!!
DAIN-JER STAY-BAK FIVE-FEET..


ZIPPY
"THE DARNEDEST THINGS"
BILL GRIFFITH
DAD, SHOULDN'T WE BE OUTSIDE PLAYING CATCH OR SHOOTING HOOPS IN A JOCULAR, BACK-SLAPPING MANNER?
MAYBE.. OR WE COULD BUILD MODEL AIRPLANES OR TUNE UP TH' TURBO-CHARGER ON OUR SHINY, RED INDY CAR!
LONI ANDERSON'S HAIR KILLS 3 IN OHIO
BURT REYNOLD'S TOUPEE KILLS 4 IN INDIANA
WEEKLY WORLD NEWS
ELVIS REALLY DEAD!
ALIENS NOT REAL!
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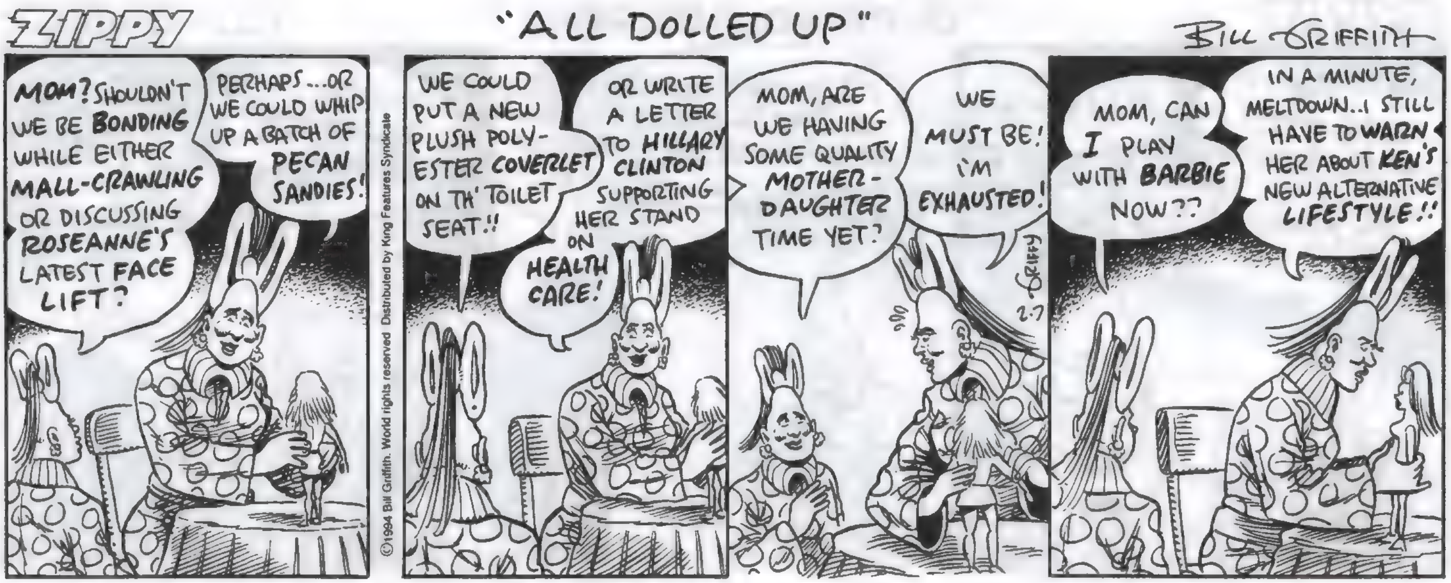
GRIFFY
..OR WE COULD WEAR MATCHING "CHICAGO BULLS" SWEATSHIRTS & ORDER DOUBLE BACON CHEESE-BURGERS AT WENDY'S!!
WE'RE HAVING A REAL FATHER & SON OUTING, AREN'T WE, FUELROD?
2-5
DAD — I THINK I JUST FELT TH' HINT OF A TENUOUS TESTOSTERONE SURGE!!
KEEP AWAY FROM FRIED FOODS & IT SHOULD CLEAR UP IN A FEW DAYS!!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"ALL DOLLED UP"
BILL GRIFFITH
MOM? SHOULDN'T WE BE BONDING WHILE EITHER MALL-CRAWLING OR DISCUSSING ROSEANNE'S LATEST FACE LIFT?
PERHAPS ...OR WE COULD WHIP UP A BATCH OF PECAN SANDIES!
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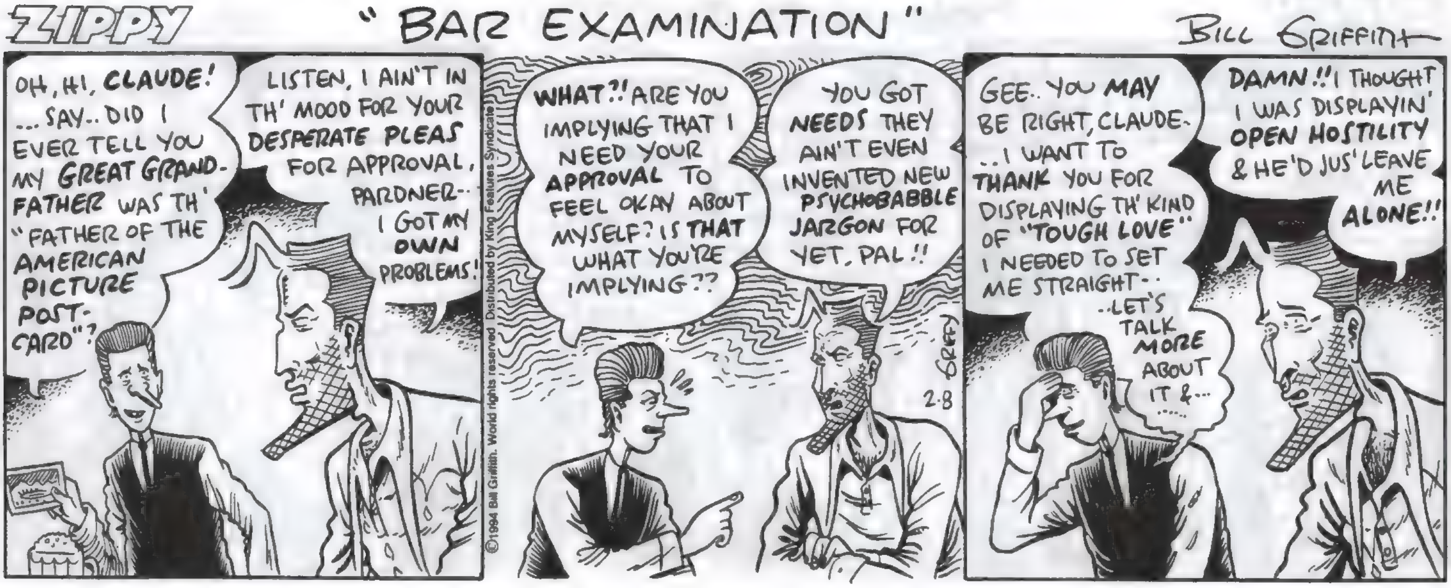
WE COULD PUT A NEW PLUSH POLY-ESTER COVERLET ON TH' TOILET SEAT!!
OR WRITE A LETTER TO HILLARY CLINTON SUPPORTING HER STAND ON HEALTH CARE!
MOM, ARE WE HAVING SOME QUALITY MOTHER-DAUGHTER TIME YET?
WE MUST BE! I'M EXHAUSTED!
GRIFFY
2-7
MOM, CAN I PLAY WITH BARBIE NOW??
IN A MINUTE, MELTDOWN.. I STILL HAVE TO WARN HER ABOUT KEN'S NEW ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE!!


ZIPPY
"BAR EXAMINATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
OH, HI, CLAUDE! ...SAY.. DID I EVER TELL YOU MY GREAT GRAND-FATHER WAS TH' "FATHER OF THE AMERICAN PICTURE POST-CARD"?
LISTEN, I AIN'T IN TH' MOOD FOR YOUR DESPERATE PLEAS FOR APPROVAL, PARDNER-- I GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS!
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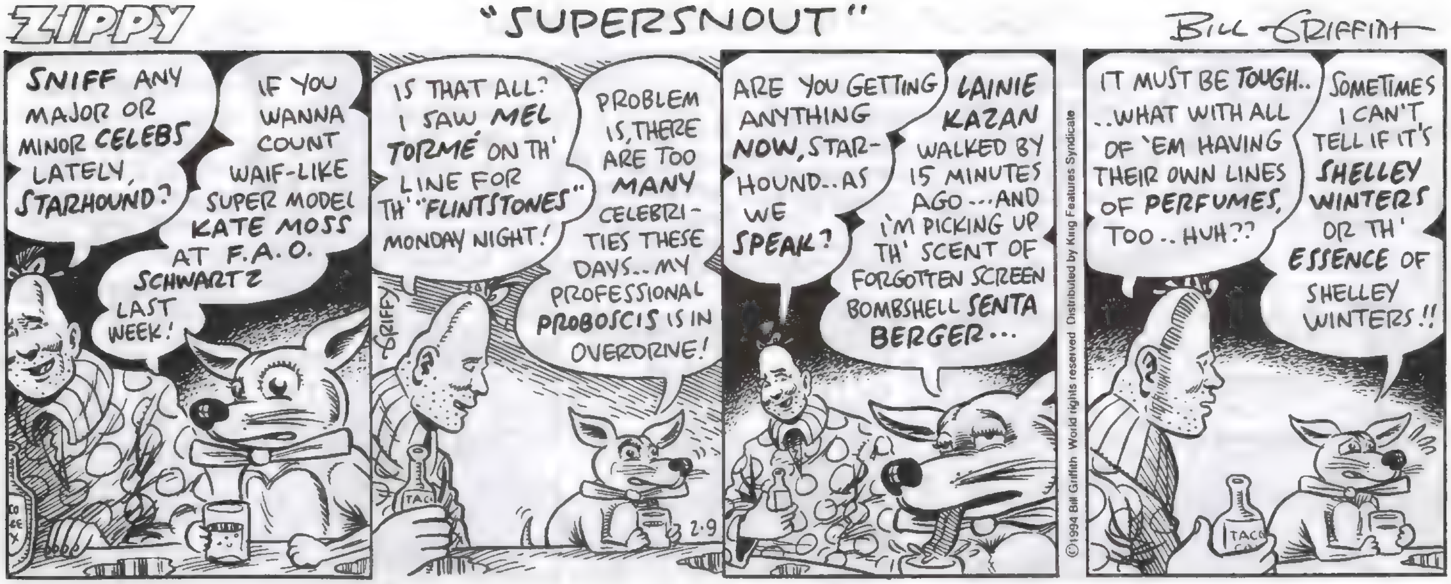
WHAT?! ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT I NEED YOUR APPROVAL TO FEEL OKAY ABOUT MYSELF? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE IMPLYING??
YOU GOT NEEDS THEY AIN'T EVEN INVENTED NEW PSYCHOBABBLE JARGON FOR YET, PAL!!
GRIFFY
2-8
GEE.. YOU MAY BE RIGHT, CLAUDE. ..I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DISPLAYING TH' KIND OF "TOUGH LOVE" I NEEDED TO SET ME STRAIGHT-- ..LET'S TALK MORE ABOUT IT &...
DAMN!! I THOUGHT I WAS DISPLAYIN' OPEN HOSTILITY & HE'D JUS' LEAVE ME ALONE!!


ZIPPY
"SUPERSNOUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
SNIFF ANY MAJOR OR MINOR CELEBS LATELY, STARHOUND?
IF YOU WANNA COUNT WAIF-LIKE SUPER MODEL KATE MOSS AT F.A.O. SCHWARTZ LAST WEEK!
IS THAT ALL? I SAW MEL TORMÉ ON TH' LINE FOR TH' "FLINTSTONES" MONDAY NIGHT!
PROBLEM IS, THERE ARE TOO MANY CELEBRITIES THESE DAYS.. MY PROFESSIONAL PROBOSCIS IS IN OVERDRIVE!
GRIFFY
2-9
ARE YOU GETTING ANYTHING NOW, STAR-HOUND.. AS WE SPEAK?
LAINIE KAZAN WALKED BY 15 MINUTES AGO --- AND I'M PICKING UP TH' SCENT OF FORGOTTEN SCREEN BOMBSHELL SENTA BERGER...
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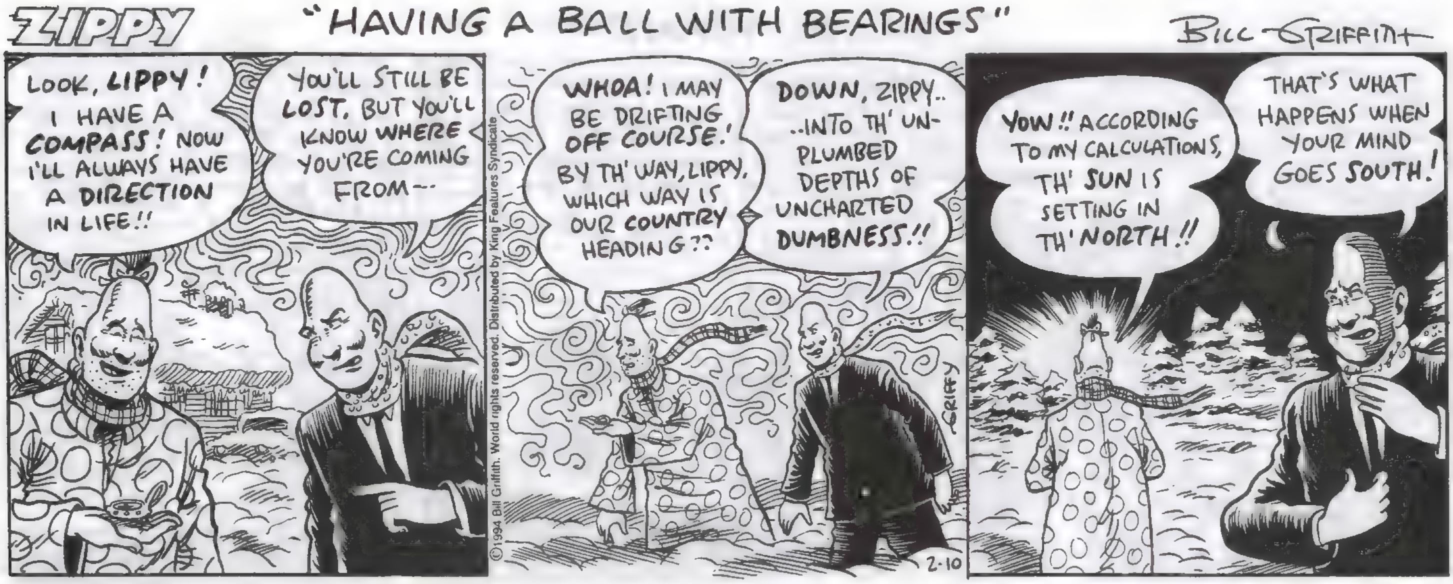
IT MUST BE TOUGH.. ..WHAT WITH ALL OF 'EM HAVING THEIR OWN LINES OF PERFUMES, TOO.. HUH??
SOMETIMES I CAN'T TELL IF IT'S SHELLEY WINTERS OR TH' ESSENCE OF SHELLEY WINTERS!!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"HAVING A BALL WITH BEARINGS"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK, LIPPY! I HAVE A COMPASS! NOW I'LL ALWAYS HAVE A DIRECTION IN LIFE!!
YOU'LL STILL BE LOST, BUT YOU'LL KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM--
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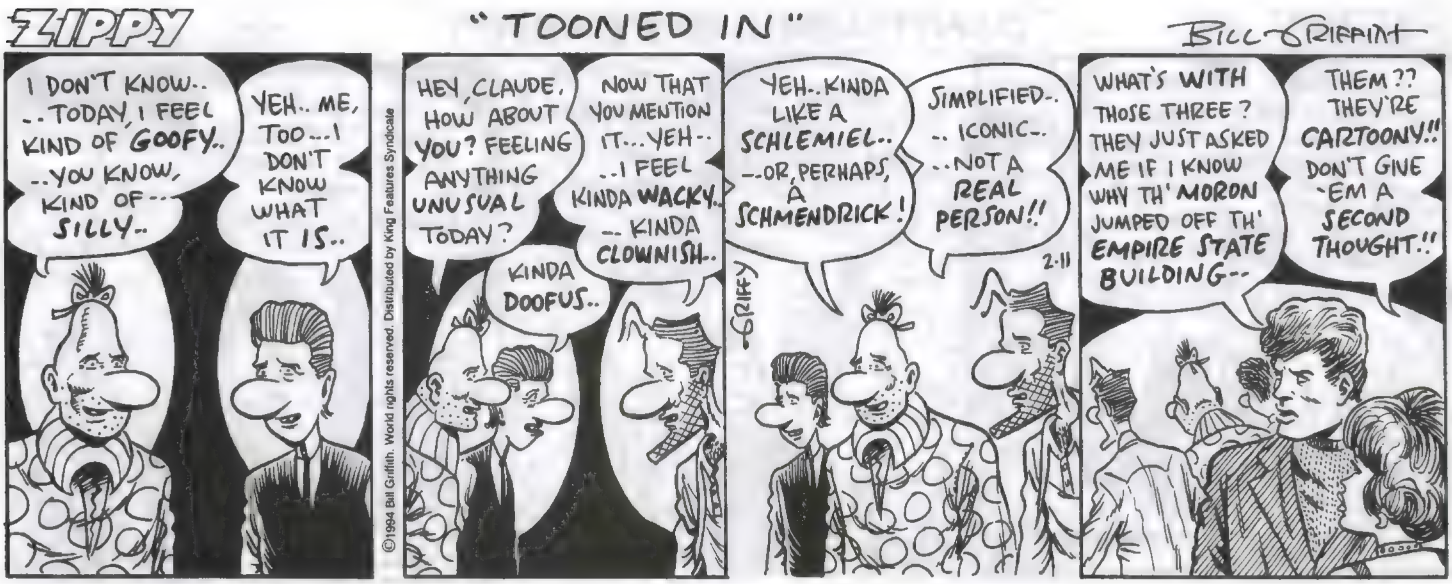
WHOA! I MAY BE DRIFTING OFF COURSE! BY TH' WAY, LIPPY, WHICH WAY IS OUR COUNTRY HEADING??
DOWN, ZIPPY.. ..INTO TH' UNPLUMBED DEPTHS OF UNCHARTED DUMBNESS!!
GRIFFY
2-10
YOW!! ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, TH' SUN IS SETTING IN TH' NORTH!!
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR MIND GOES SOUTH!


ZIPPY
"TOONED IN"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DON'T KNOW.. --TODAY, I FEEL KIND OF GOOFY.. --YOU KNOW, KIND OF-- SILLY..
YEH.. ME, TOO...I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS..
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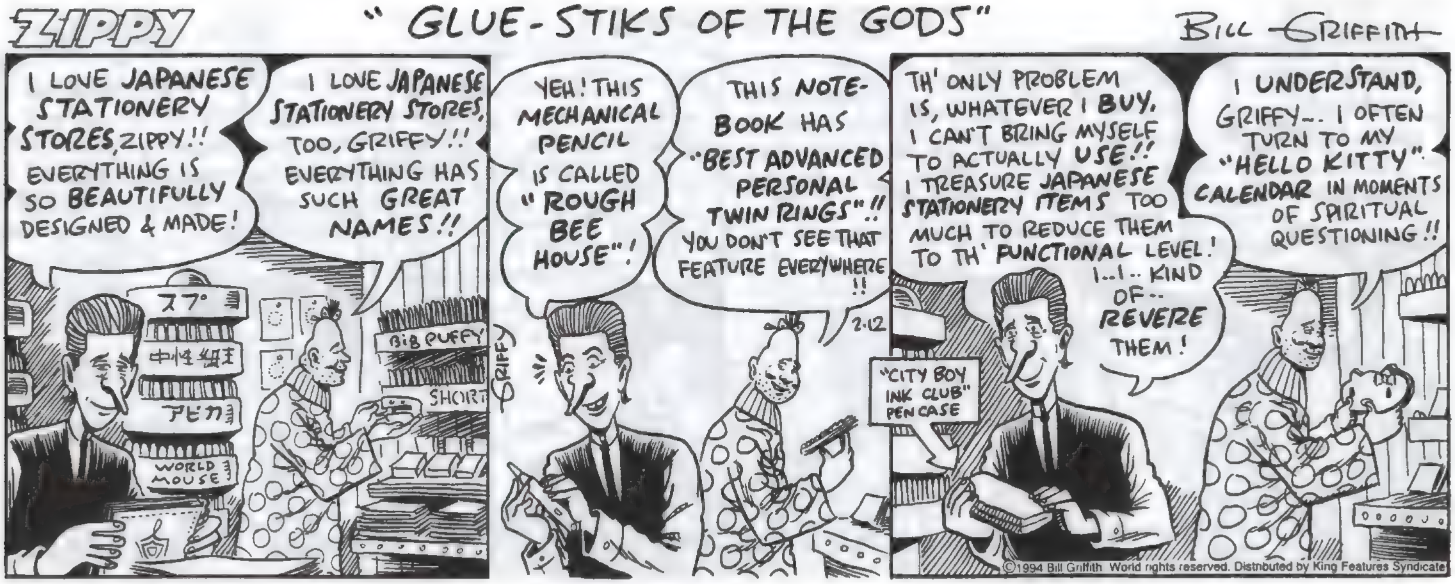
HEY, CLAUDE, HOW ABOUT YOU? FEELING ANYTHING UNUSUAL TODAY?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...YEH-- ..I FEEL KINDA WACKY.. -- KINDA CLOWNISH..
KINDA DOOFUS..
GRIFFY
YEH..KINDA LIKE A SCHLEMIEL.. --OR, PERHAPS, A SCHMENDRICK!
SIMPLIFIED-- -- ICONIC-- --NOT A REAL PERSON!!
2-11
WHAT'S WITH THOSE THREE? THEY JUST ASKED ME IF I KNOW WHY TH' MORON JUMPED OFF TH' EMPIRE STATE BUILDING--
THEM?? THEY'RE CARTOONY!! DON'T GIVE 'EM A SECOND THOUGHT!!


ZIPPY
" GLUE-STIKS OF THE GODS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I LOVE JAPANESE STATIONERY STORES, ZIPPY!! EVERYTHING IS SO BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED & MADE!
I LOVE JAPANESE STATIONERY STORES, TOO, GRIFFY!! EVERYTHING HAS SUCH GREAT NAMES!!
スプ
中性紙
アピカ
WORLD MOUSE
BIG PUFFY
SHORT
GRIFFY
YEH! THIS MECHANICAL PENCIL IS CALLED "ROUGH BEE HOUSE"!
THIS NOTEBOOK HAS "BEST ADVANCED PERSONAL TWIN RINGS"!! YOU DON'T SEE THAT FEATURE EVERYWHERE!!
2.12
TH' ONLY PROBLEM IS, WHATEVER I BUY, I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO ACTUALLY USE!! I TREASURE JAPANESE STATIONERY ITEMS TOO MUCH TO REDUCE THEM TO TH' FUNCTIONAL LEVEL! I..I.. KIND OF.. REVERE THEM!
I UNDERSTAND, GRIFFY.. I OFTEN TURN TO MY "HELLO KITTY" CALENDAR IN MOMENTS OF SPIRITUAL QUESTIONING!!
"CITY BOY INK CLUB" PEN CASE
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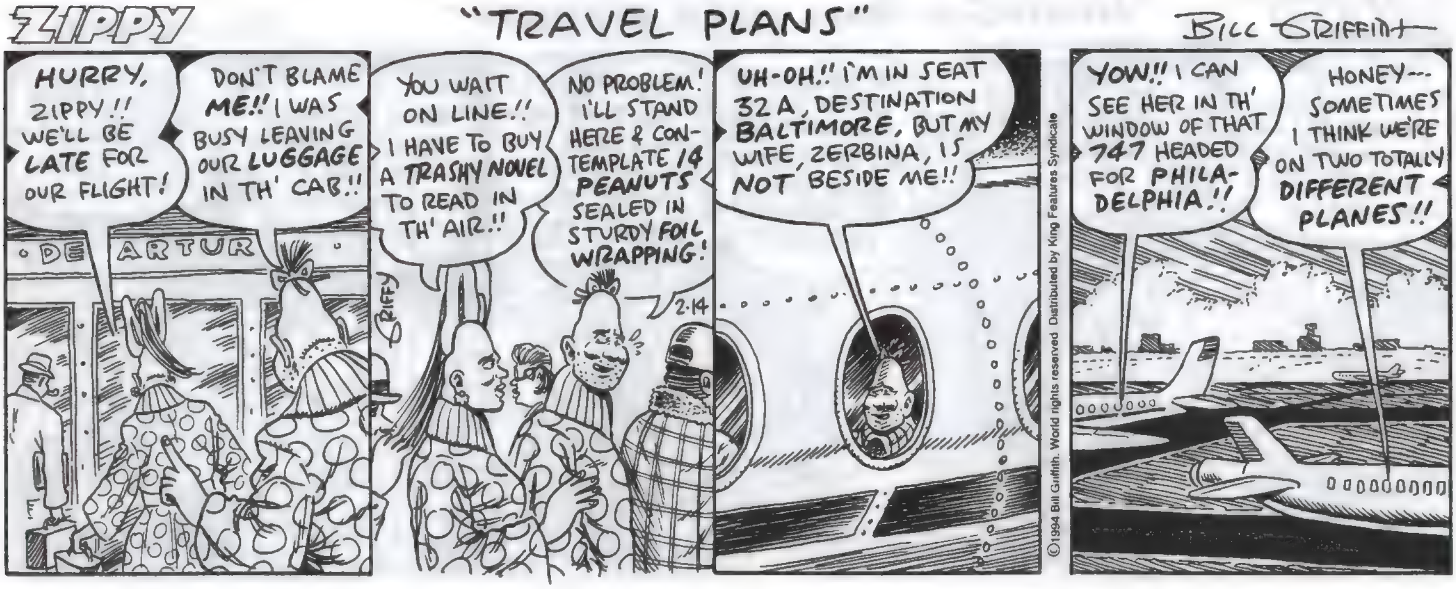
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"TRAVEL PLANS"
BILL GRIFFITH
HURRY, ZIPPY!! WE'LL BE LATE FOR OUR FLIGHT!
DON'T BLAME ME!! I WAS BUSY LEAVING OUR LUGGAGE IN TH' CAB!!
DEPARTUR
YOU WAIT ON LINE!! I HAVE TO BUY A TRASHY NOVEL TO READ IN TH' AIR!!
NO PROBLEM! I'LL STAND HERE & CONTEMPLATE 14 PEANUTS SEALED IN STURDY FOIL WRAPPING!
GRIFFY
2.14
UH-OH!! I'M IN SEAT 32 A, DESTINATION BALTIMORE, BUT MY WIFE, ZERBINA, IS NOT BESIDE ME!!
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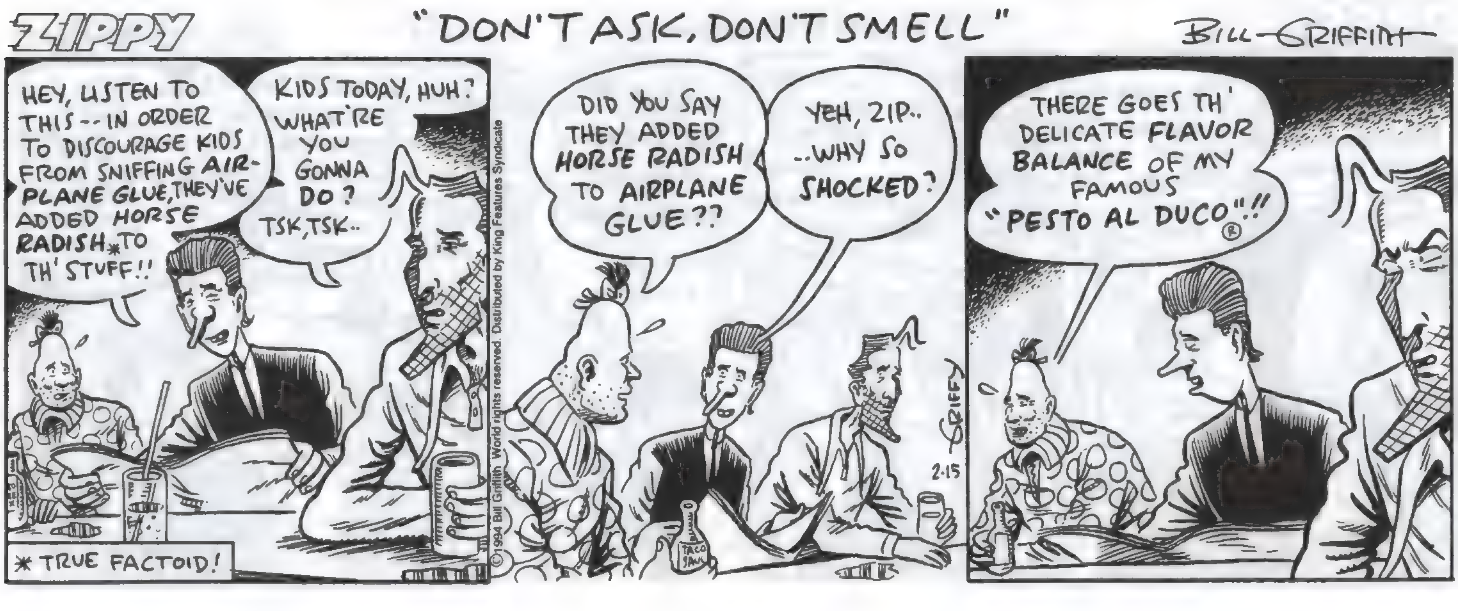
YOW!! I CAN SEE HER IN TH' WINDOW OF THAT 747 HEADED FOR PHILADELPHIA!!
HONEY--- SOMETIMES I THINK WE'RE ON TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT PLANES!!


ZIPPY
"DON'T ASK, DON'T SMELL"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, LISTEN TO THIS -- IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE KIDS FROM SNIFFING AIRPLANE GLUE, THEY'VE ADDED HORSE RADISH* TO TH' STUFF!!
KIDS TODAY, HUH? WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO? TSK, TSK..
* TRUE FACTOID!
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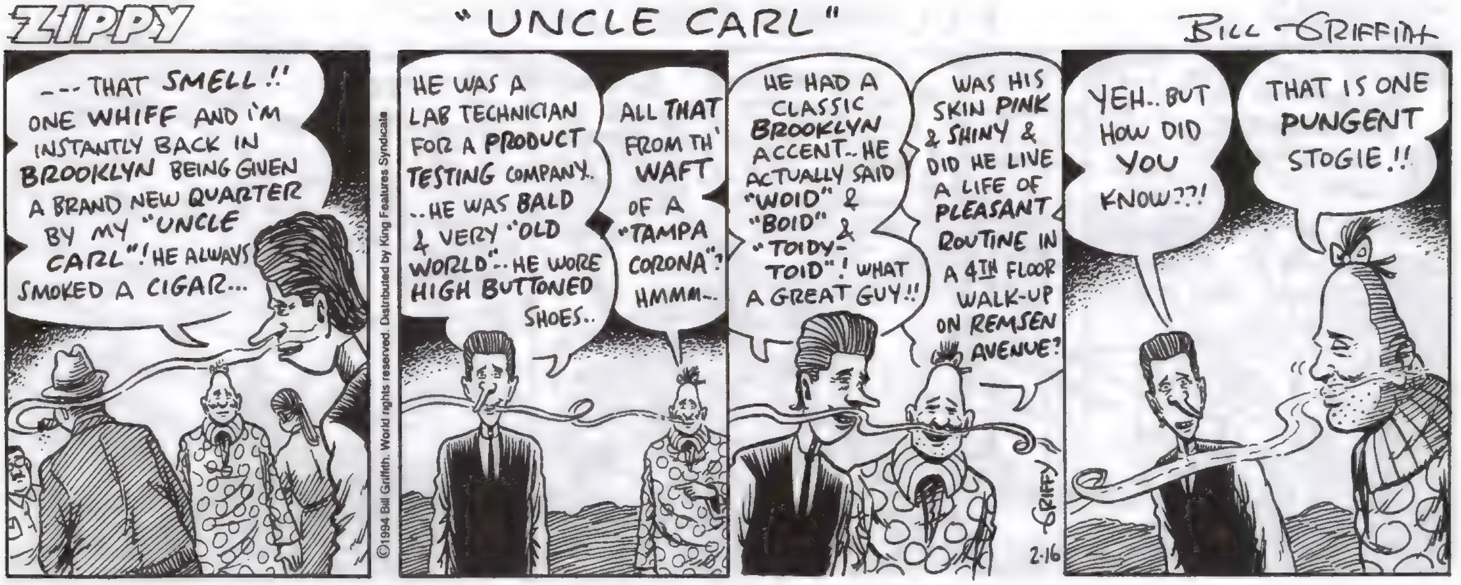
DID YOU SAY THEY ADDED HORSE RADISH TO AIRPLANE GLUE??
YEH, ZIP.. ..WHY SO SHOCKED?
TACO SAN
GRIFFY
2.15
THERE GOES TH' DELICATE FLAVOR BALANCE OF MY FAMOUS "PESTO AL DUCO"®!!


ZIPPY
"UNCLE CARL"
BILL GRIFFITH
---THAT SMELL!! ONE WHIFF AND I'M INSTANTLY BACK IN BROOKLYN BEING GIVEN A BRAND NEW QUARTER BY MY "UNCLE CARL"! HE ALWAYS SMOKED A CIGAR...
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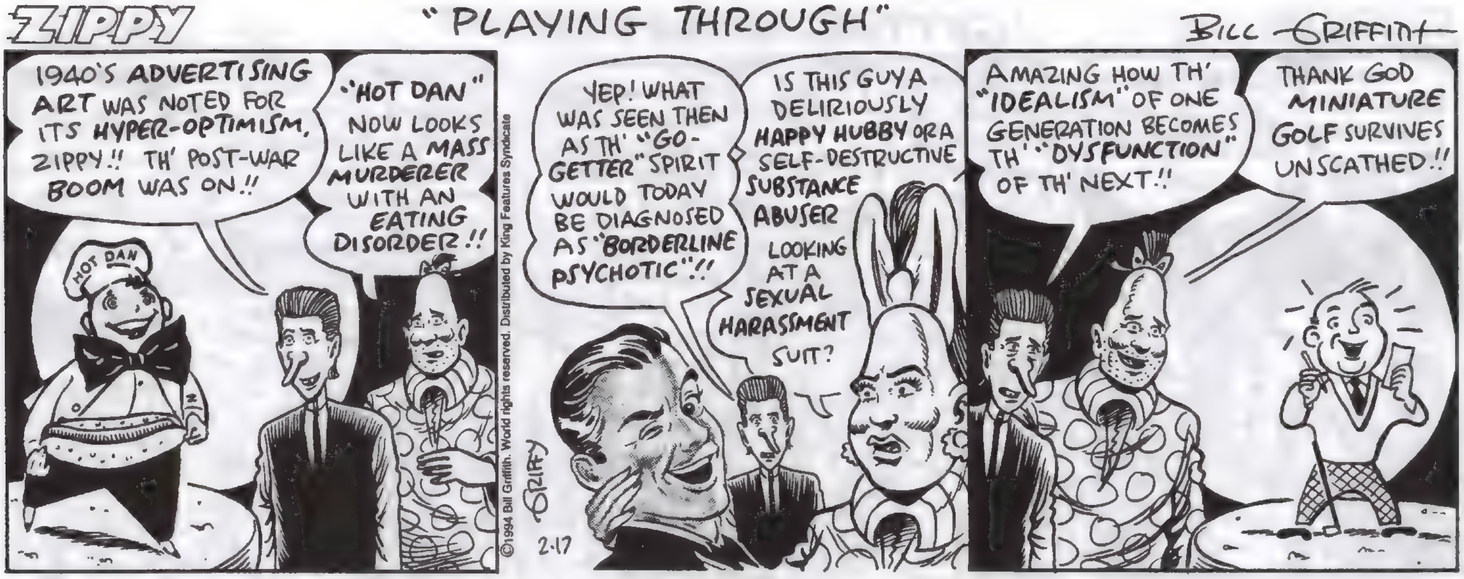
HE WAS A LAB TECHNICIAN FOR A PRODUCT TESTING COMPANY.. ..HE WAS BALD & VERY "OLD WORLD"..HE WORE HIGH BUTTONED SHOES..
ALL THAT FROM TH' WAFT OF A "TAMPA CORONA"? HMMM..
HE HAD A CLASSIC BROOKLYN ACCENT..HE ACTUALLY SAID "WOID" & "BOID" & "TOIDY-TOID"! WHAT A GREAT GUY!!
WAS HIS SKIN PINK & SHINY & DID HE LIVE A LIFE OF PLEASANT ROUTINE IN A 4TH FLOOR WALK-UP ON REMSEN AVENUE?
GRIFFY
2·16
YEH..BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW??!
THAT IS ONE PUNGENT STOGIE!!


ZIPPY
"PLAYING THROUGH"
BILL GRIFFITH
1940'S ADVERTISING ART WAS NOTED FOR ITS HYPER-OPTIMISM, ZIPPY!! TH' POST-WAR BOOM WAS ON!!
"HOT DAN" NOW LOOKS LIKE A MASS MURDERER WITH AN EATING DISORDER!!
HOT DAN
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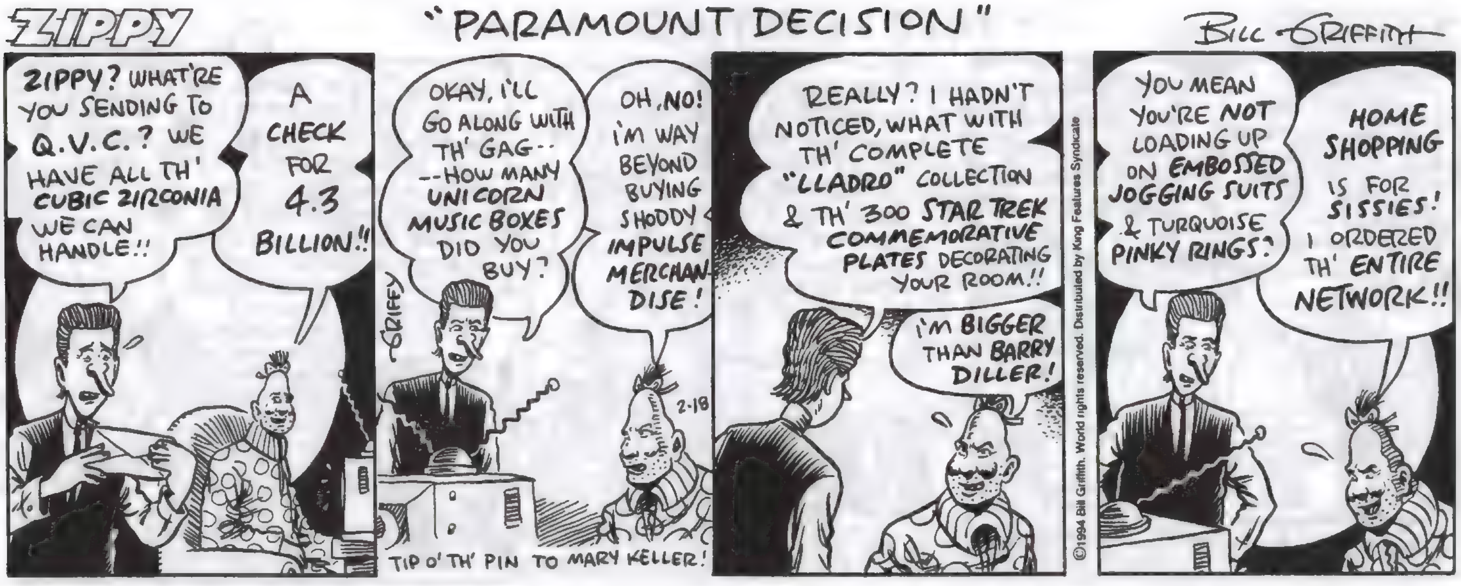
GRIFFY
2·17
YEP! WHAT WAS SEEN THEN AS TH' "GO-GETTER" SPIRIT WOULD TODAY BE DIAGNOSED AS "BORDERLINE PSYCHOTIC"!!
IS THIS GUY A DELIRIOUSLY HAPPY HUBBY OR A SELF-DESTRUCTIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSER LOOKING AT A SEXUAL HARASSMENT SUIT?
AMAZING HOW TH' "IDEALISM" OF ONE GENERATION BECOMES TH' "DYSFUNCTION" OF TH' NEXT!!
THANK GOD MINIATURE GOLF SURVIVES UNSCATHED!!


ZIPPY
"PARAMOUNT DECISION"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY? WHAT'RE YOU SENDING TO Q.V.C.? WE HAVE ALL TH' CUBIC ZIRCONIA WE CAN HANDLE!!
A CHECK FOR 4.3 BILLION!!
OKAY, I'LL GO ALONG WITH TH' GAG-- --HOW MANY UNICORN MUSIC BOXES DID YOU BUY?
OH, NO! I'M WAY BEYOND BUYING SHODDY IMPULSE MERCHANDISE!
GRIFFY
2·18
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MARY KELLER!
REALLY? I HADN'T NOTICED, WHAT WITH TH' COMPLETE "LLADRO" COLLECTION & TH' 300 STAR TREK COMMEMORATIVE PLATES DECORATING YOUR ROOM!!
I'M BIGGER THAN BARRY DILLER!
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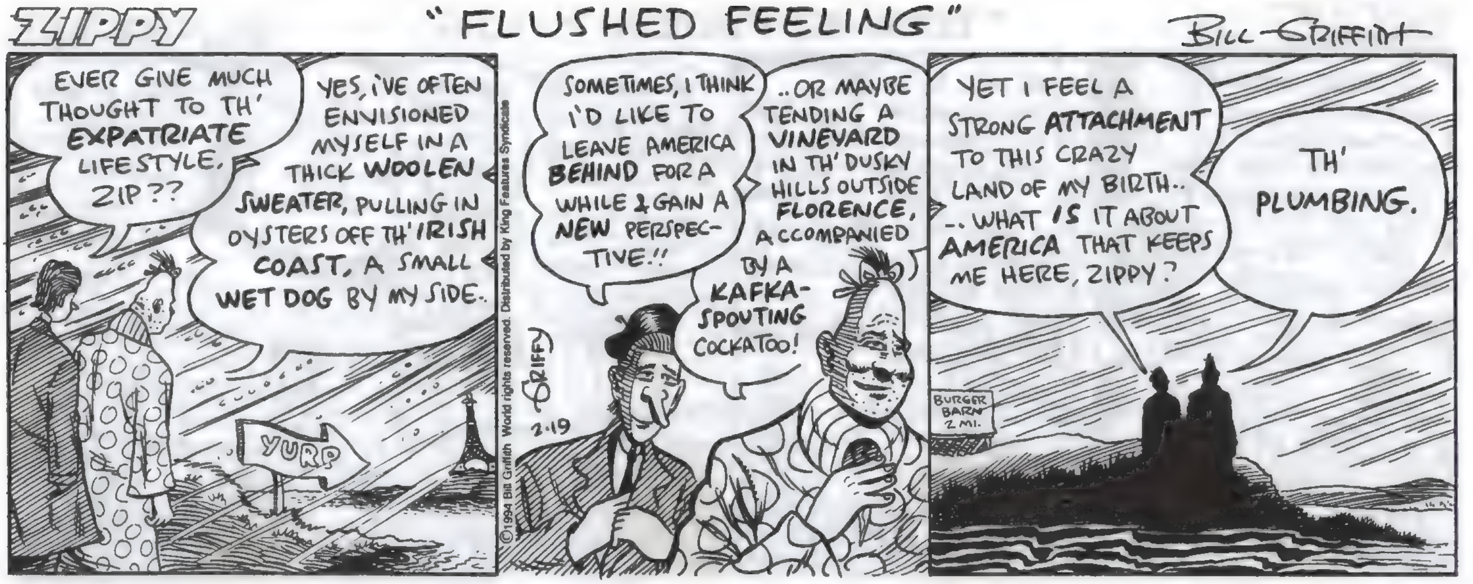
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT LOADING UP ON EMBOSSED JOGGING SUITS & TURQUOISE PINKY RINGS?
HOME SHOPPING IS FOR SISSIES! I ORDERED TH' ENTIRE NETWORK!!


ZIPPY
"FLUSHED FEELING"
BILL GRIFFITH
EVER GIVE MUCH THOUGHT TO TH' EXPATRIATE LIFESTYLE, ZIP??
YES, I'VE OFTEN ENVISIONED MYSELF IN A THICK WOOLEN SWEATER, PULLING IN OYSTERS OFF TH' IRISH COAST, A SMALL WET DOG BY MY SIDE..
YURP
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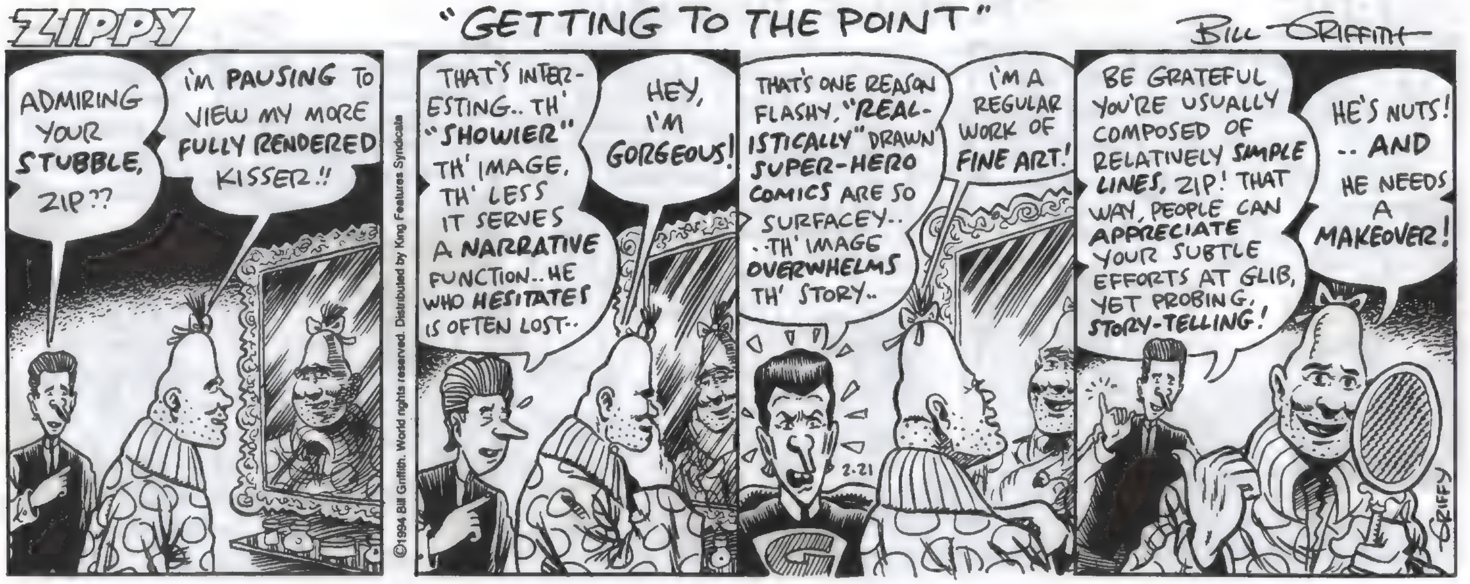
SOMETIMES, I THINK I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AMERICA BEHIND FOR A WHILE & GAIN A NEW PERSPECTIVE!!
..OR MAYBE TENDING A VINEYARD IN TH' DUSKY HILLS OUTSIDE FLORENCE, ACCOMPANIED BY A KAFKA-SPOUTING COCKATOO!
GRIFFY
2.19
YET I FEEL A STRONG ATTACHMENT TO THIS CRAZY LAND OF MY BIRTH.. ..WHAT IS IT ABOUT AMERICA THAT KEEPS ME HERE, ZIPPY?
TH' PLUMBING.
BURGER BARN 2 MI.


ZIPPY
"GETTING TO THE POINT"
BILL GRIFFITH
ADMIRING YOUR STUBBLE, ZIP??
I'M PAUSING TO VIEW MY MORE FULLY RENDERED KISSER!!
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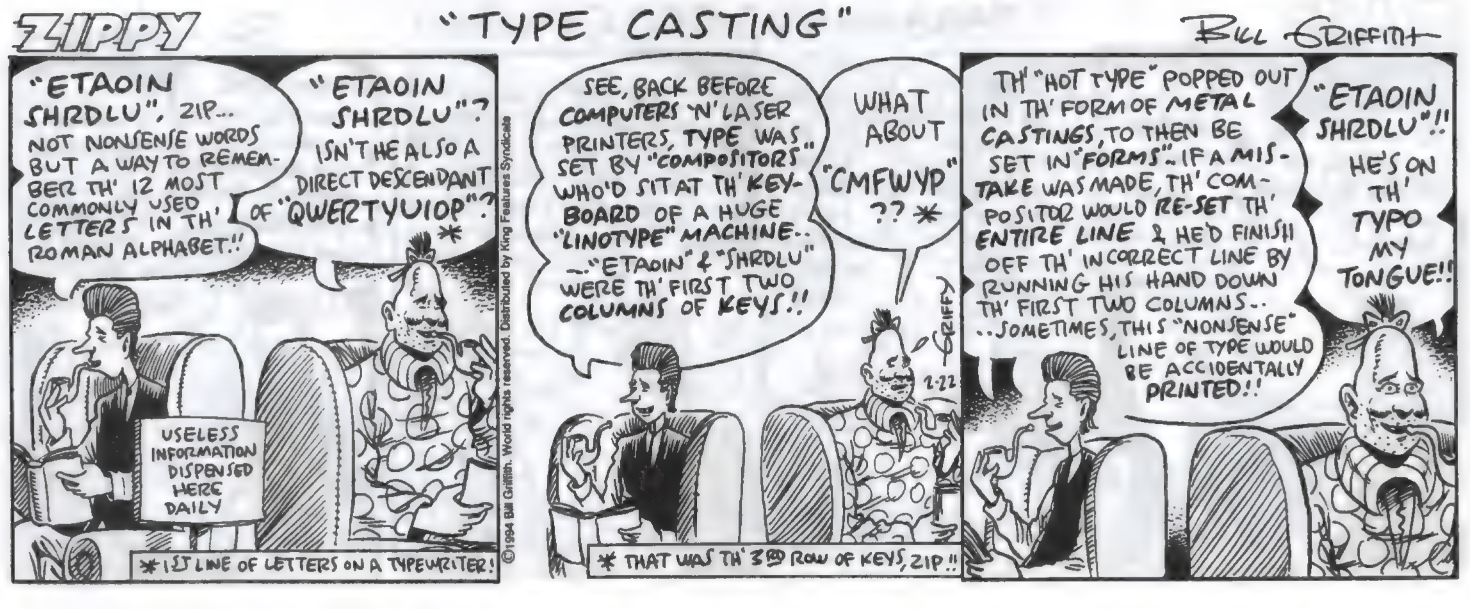
THAT'S INTERESTING.. TH' "SHOWIER" TH' IMAGE, TH' LESS IT SERVES A NARRATIVE FUNCTION.. HE WHO HESITATES IS OFTEN LOST..
HEY, I'M GORGEOUS!
THAT'S ONE REASON FLASHY, "REALISTICALLY" DRAWN SUPER-HERO COMICS ARE SO SURFACEY.. ..TH' IMAGE OVERWHELMS TH' STORY..
I'M A REGULAR WORK OF FINE ART!
2.21
BE GRATEFUL YOU'RE USUALLY COMPOSED OF RELATIVELY SIMPLE LINES, ZIP! THAT WAY, PEOPLE CAN APPRECIATE YOUR SUBTLE EFFORTS AT GLIB, YET PROBING, STORY-TELLING!
HE'S NUTS! ..AND HE NEEDS A MAKEOVER!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"TYPE CASTING"
BILL GRIFFITH
"ETAOIN SHRDLU", ZIP... NOT NONSENSE WORDS BUT A WAY TO REMEMBER TH' 12 MOST COMMONLY USED LETTERS IN TH' ROMAN ALPHABET!!
"ETAOIN SHRDLU"? ISN'T HE ALSO A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF "QWERTYUIOP"? *
USELESS INFORMATION DISPENSED HERE DAILY
* 1ST LINE OF LETTERS ON A TYPEWRITER!
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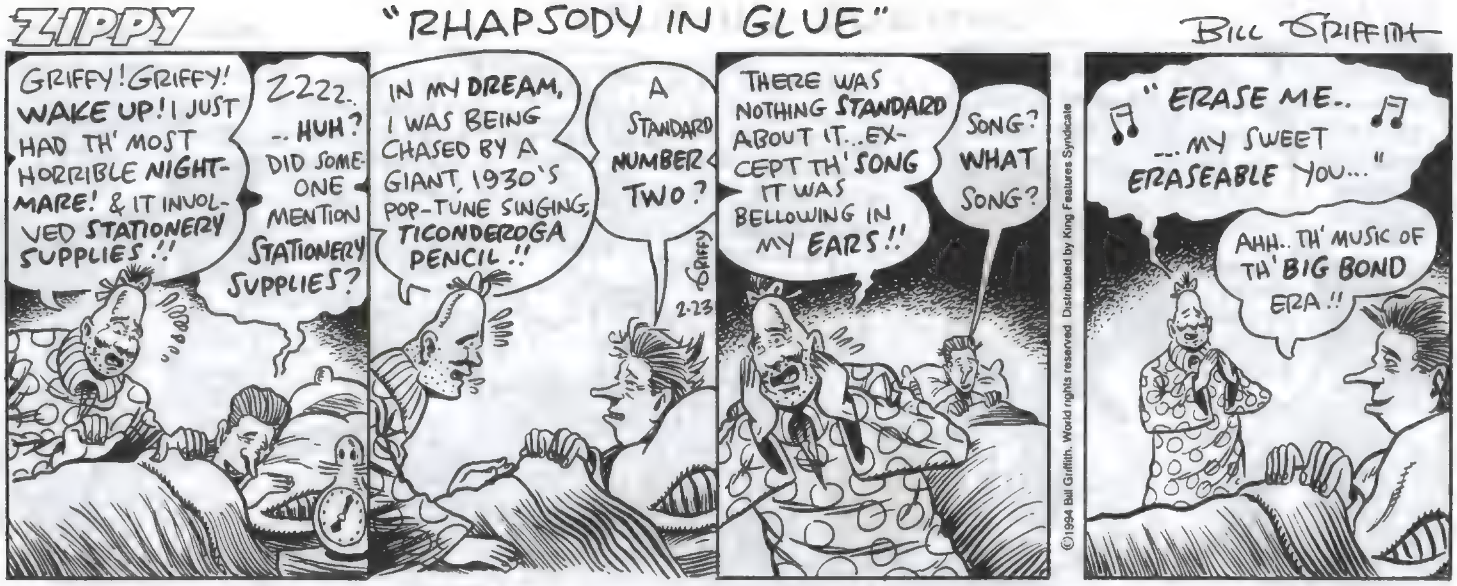
SEE, BACK BEFORE COMPUTERS 'N' LASER PRINTERS, TYPE WAS SET BY "COMPOSITORS" WHO'D SIT AT TH' KEYBOARD OF A HUGE "LINOTYPE" MACHINE.. .."ETAOIN" & "SHRDLU" WERE TH' FIRST TWO COLUMNS OF KEYS!!
WHAT ABOUT "CMFWYP" ?? *
GRIFFY
2.22
* THAT WAS TH' 3RD ROW OF KEYS, ZIP!!
TH' "HOT TYPE" POPPED OUT IN TH' FORM OF METAL CASTINGS, TO THEN BE SET IN "FORMS".. IF A MISTAKE WAS MADE, TH' COMPOSITOR WOULD RE-SET TH' ENTIRE LINE & HE'D FINISH OFF TH' INCORRECT LINE BY RUNNING HIS HAND DOWN TH' FIRST TWO COLUMNS.. ..SOMETIMES, THIS "NONSENSE" LINE OF TYPE WOULD BE ACCIDENTALLY PRINTED!!
"ETAOIN SHRDLU"!! HE'S ON TH' TYPO MY TONGUE!!


ZIPPY
"RHAPSODY IN GLUE"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY! GRIFFY! WAKE UP! I JUST HAD TH' MOST HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE! & IT INVOLVED STATIONERY SUPPLIES!!
ZZZZ.. ..HUH? DID SOMEONE MENTION STATIONERY SUPPLIES?
IN MY DREAM, I WAS BEING CHASED BY A GIANT, 1930'S POP-TUNE SINGING, TICONDEROGA PENCIL!!
A STANDARD NUMBER TWO?
GRIFFY
2-23
THERE WAS NOTHING STANDARD ABOUT IT...EXCEPT TH' SONG IT WAS BELLOWING IN MY EARS!!
SONG? WHAT SONG?
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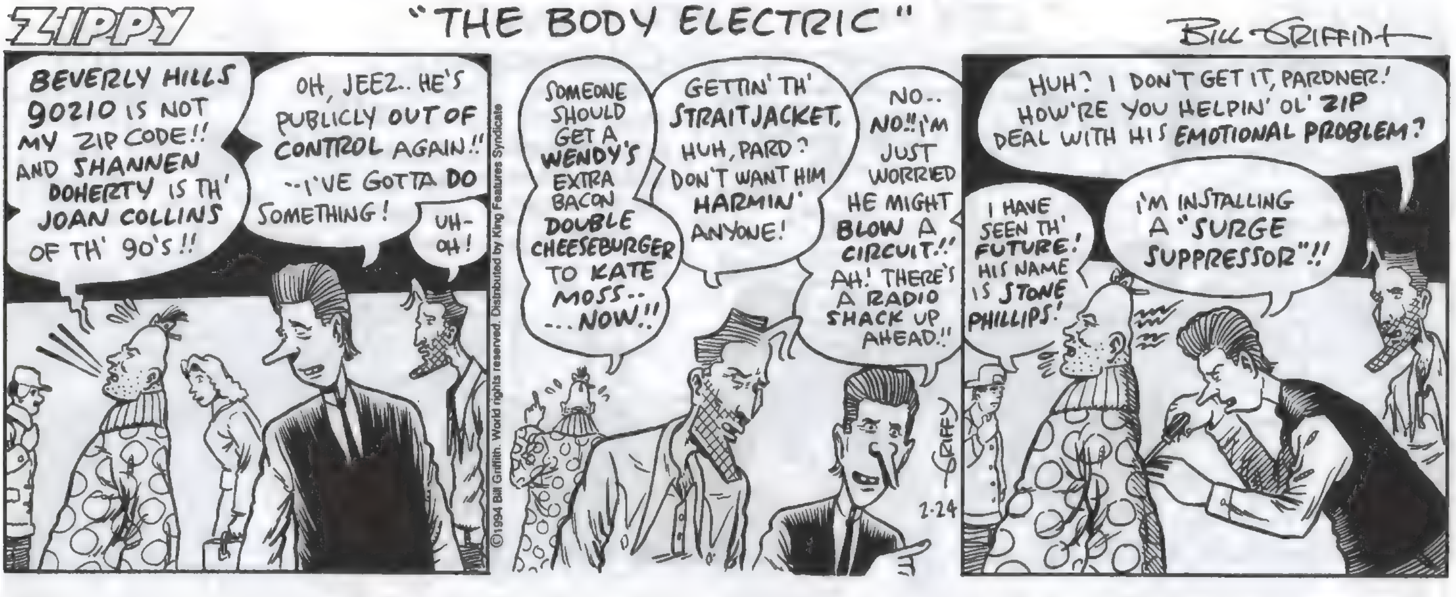
" ERASE ME.. ...MY SWEET ERASEABLE YOU..."
AHH.. TH' MUSIC OF TH' BIG BOND ERA!!


ZIPPY
"THE BODY ELECTRIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
BEVERLY HILLS 90210 IS NOT MY ZIP CODE!! AND SHANNEN DOHERTY IS TH' JOAN COLLINS OF TH' 90'S!!
OH, JEEZ.. HE'S PUBLICLY OUT OF CONTROL AGAIN!! --I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING!
UH-OH!
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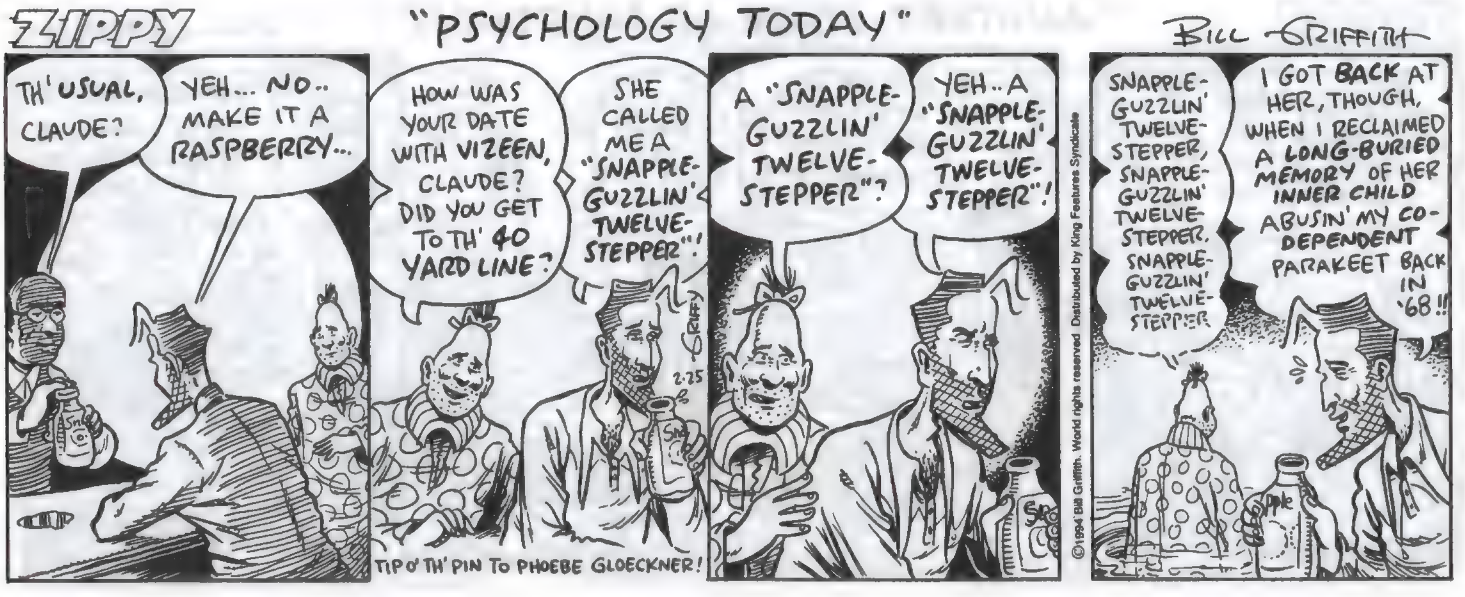
SOMEONE SHOULD GET A WENDY'S EXTRA BACON DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER TO KATE MOSS.. ...NOW!!
GETTIN' TH' STRAITJACKET, HUH, PARD? DON'T WANT HIM HARMIN' ANYONE!
NO.. NO!! I'M JUST WORRIED HE MIGHT BLOW A CIRCUIT!! AH! THERE'S A RADIO SHACK UP AHEAD!!
GRIFFY
2-24
HUH? I DON'T GET IT, PARDNER! HOW'RE YOU HELPIN' OL' ZIP DEAL WITH HIS EMOTIONAL PROBLEM?
I HAVE SEEN TH' FUTURE! HIS NAME IS STONE PHILLIPS!
I'M INSTALLING A "SURGE SUPPRESSOR"!!


ZIPPY
"PSYCHOLOGY TODAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' USUAL, CLAUDE?
YEH... NO.. MAKE IT A RASPBERRY...
HOW WAS YOUR DATE WITH VIZEEN, CLAUDE? DID YOU GET TO TH' 40 YARD LINE?
SHE CALLED ME A "SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER"!
GRIFFY
2-25
TIP O' TH' PIN TO PHOEBE GLOECKNER!
A "SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER"?
YEH.. A "SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER"!
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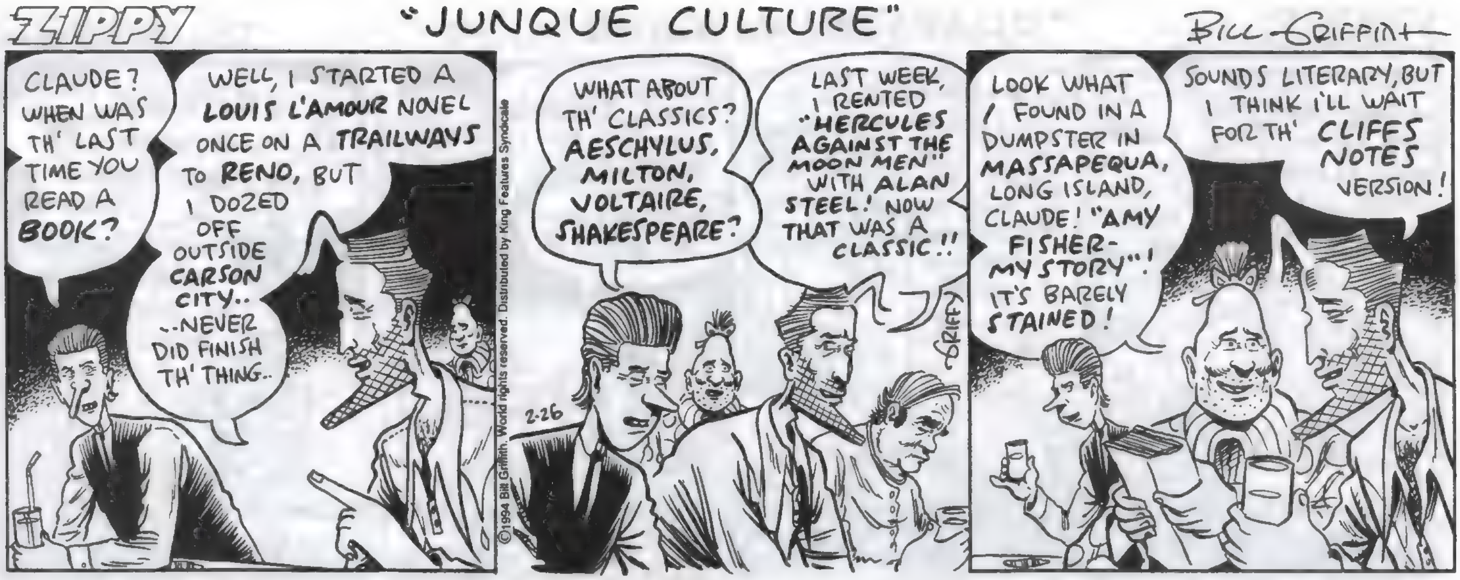
SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER, SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER, SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER
I GOT BACK AT HER, THOUGH, WHEN I RECLAIMED A LONG-BURIED MEMORY OF HER INNER CHILD ABUSIN' MY CO-DEPENDENT PARAKEET BACK IN '68!!


ZIPPY
"JUNQUE CULTURE"
BILL GRIFFITH
CLAUDE? WHEN WAS TH' LAST TIME YOU READ A BOOK?
WELL, I STARTED A LOUIS L'AMOUR NOVEL ONCE ON A TRAILWAYS TO RENO, BUT I DOZED OFF OUTSIDE CARSON CITY.. ..NEVER DID FINISH TH' THING..
WHAT ABOUT TH' CLASSICS? AESCHYLUS, MILTON, VOLTAIRE, SHAKESPEARE?
LAST WEEK, I RENTED "HERCULES AGAINST THE MOON MEN" WITH ALAN STEEL! NOW THAT WAS A CLASSIC!!
GRIFFY
2-26
LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN A DUMPSTER IN MASSAPEQUA, LONG ISLAND, CLAUDE! "AMY FISHER- MY STORY"! IT'S BARELY STAINED!
SOUNDS LITERARY, BUT I THINK I'LL WAIT FOR TH' CLIFFS NOTES VERSION!

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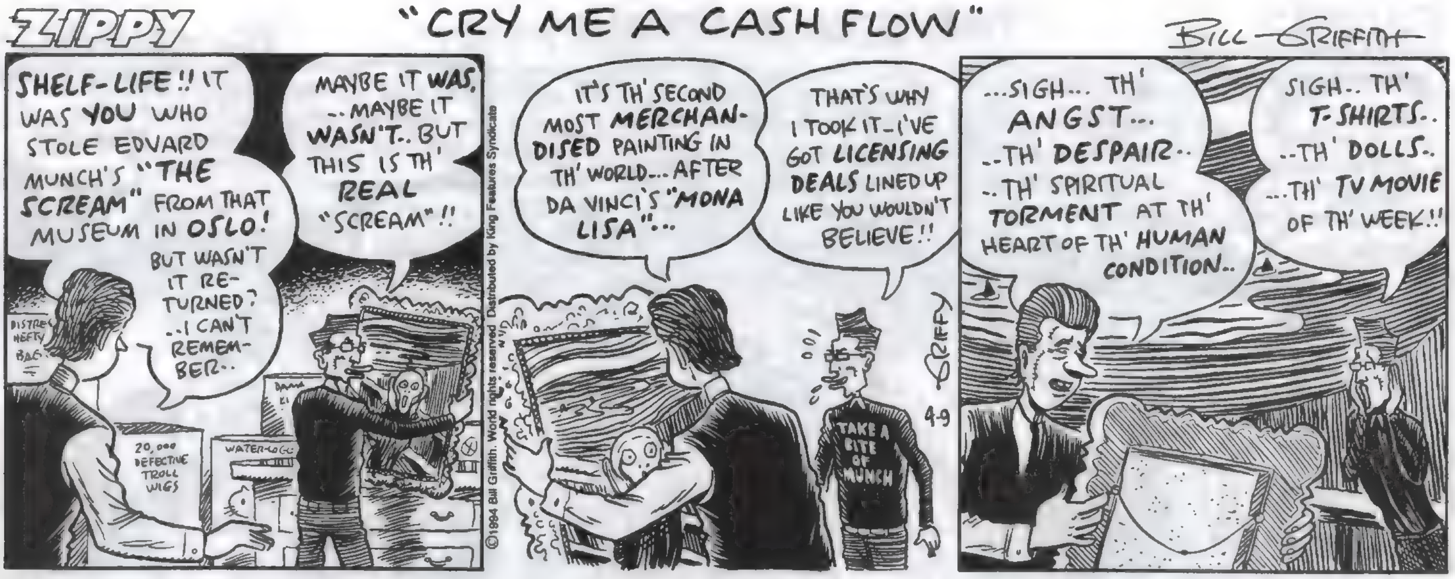
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"CRY ME A CASH FLOW"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE!! IT WAS YOU WHO STOLE EDVARD MUNCH'S "THE SCREAM" FROM THAT MUSEUM IN OSLO!
BUT WASN'T IT RE-TURNED? ..I CAN'T REMEMBER..
MAYBE IT WAS, ..MAYBE IT WASN'T.. BUT THIS IS TH' REAL "SCREAM"!!
DISTRESSED HEFTY BAGS
20,000 DEFECTIVE TROLL WIGS
WATER-LOGGED
IT'S TH' SECOND MOST MERCHANDISED PAINTING IN TH' WORLD... AFTER DA VINCI'S "MONA LISA"...
THAT'S WHY I TOOK IT_I'VE GOT LICENSING DEALS LINED UP LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE!!
GRIFFY
4-9
TAKE A BITE OF MUNCH
...SIGH... TH' ANGST... ..TH' DESPAIR.. ..TH' SPIRITUAL TORMENT AT TH' HEART OF TH' HUMAN CONDITION..
SIGH.. TH' T-SHIRTS.. ..TH' DOLLS.. ...TH' TV MOVIE OF TH' WEEK!!

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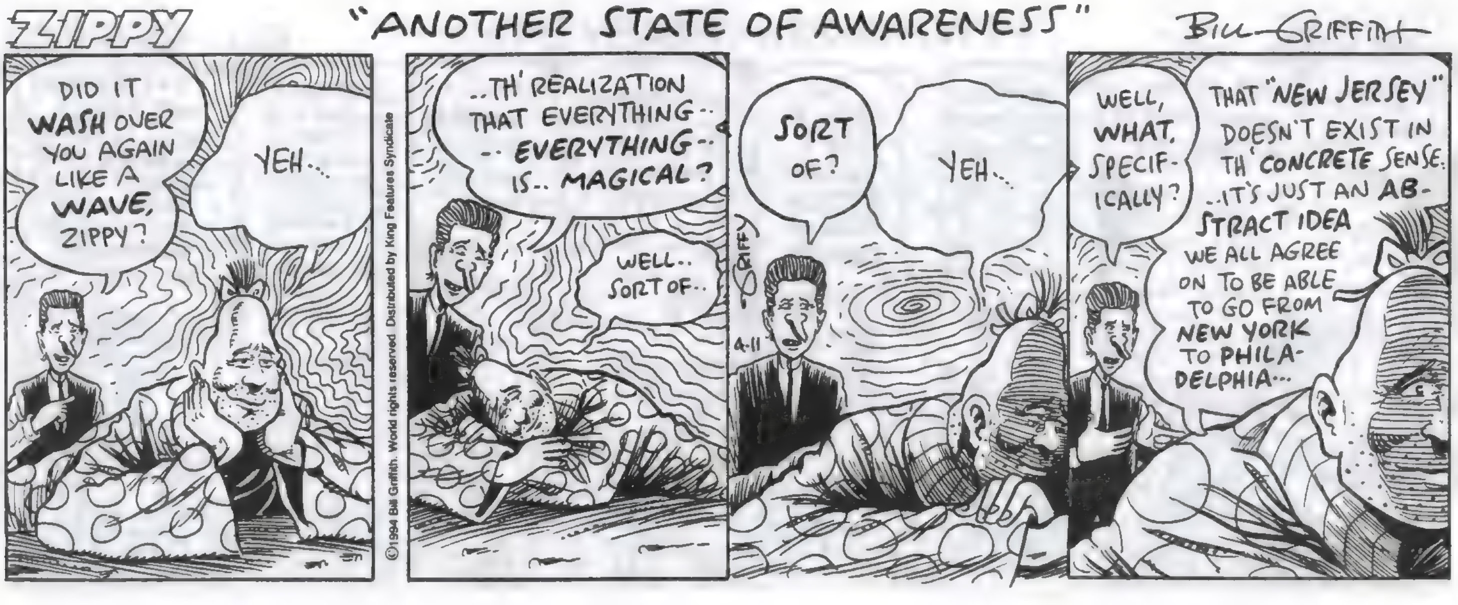
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"ANOTHER STATE OF AWARENESS"
BILL GRIFFITH
DID IT WASH OVER YOU AGAIN LIKE A WAVE, ZIPPY?
YEH...
..TH' REALIZATION THAT EVERYTHING.. ..EVERYTHING.. IS.. MAGICAL?
WELL.. SORT OF..
GRIFFY
SORT OF?
YEH...
4-11
WELL, WHAT, SPECIFICALLY?
THAT "NEW JERSEY" DOESN'T EXIST IN TH' CONCRETE SENSE. ..IT'S JUST AN ABSTRACT IDEA WE ALL AGREE ON TO BE ABLE TO GO FROM NEW YORK TO PHILADELPHIA...

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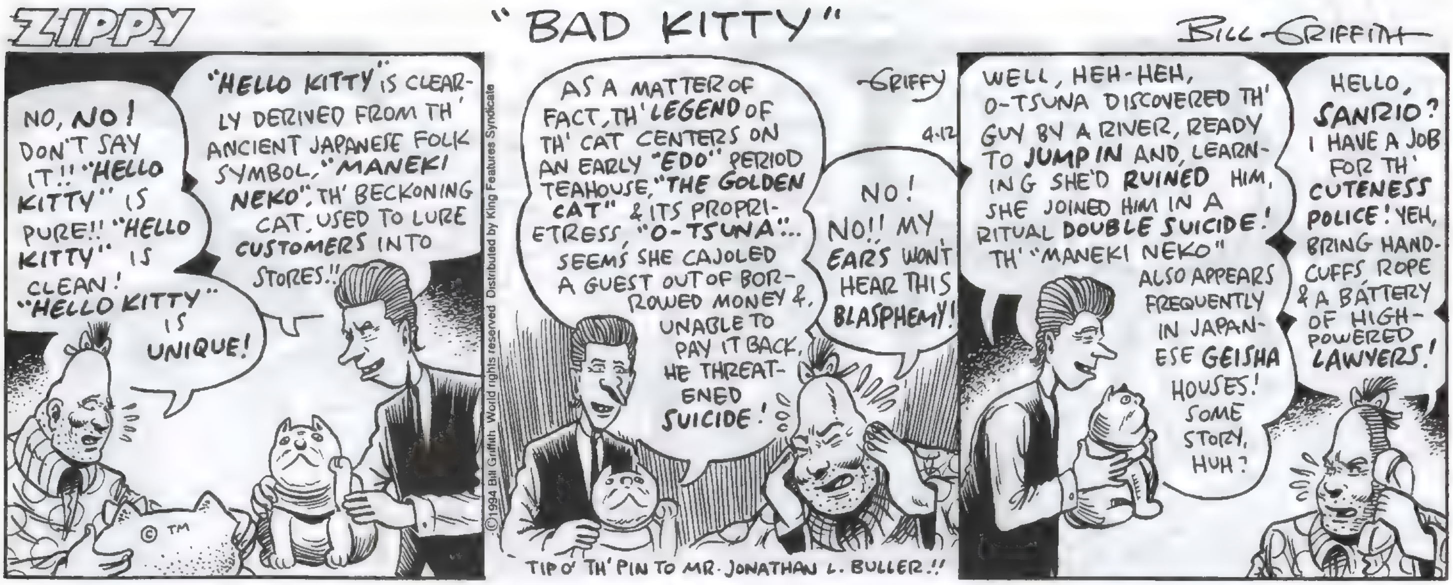
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"BAD KITTY"
BILL GRIFFITH
NO, NO! DON'T SAY IT!! "HELLO KITTY" IS PURE!! "HELLO KITTY" IS CLEAN! "HELLO KITTY" IS UNIQUE!
"HELLO KITTY" IS CLEARLY DERIVED FROM TH' ANCIENT JAPANESE FOLK SYMBOL, "MANEKI NEKO", TH' BECKONING CAT, USED TO LURE CUSTOMERS INTO STORES!!
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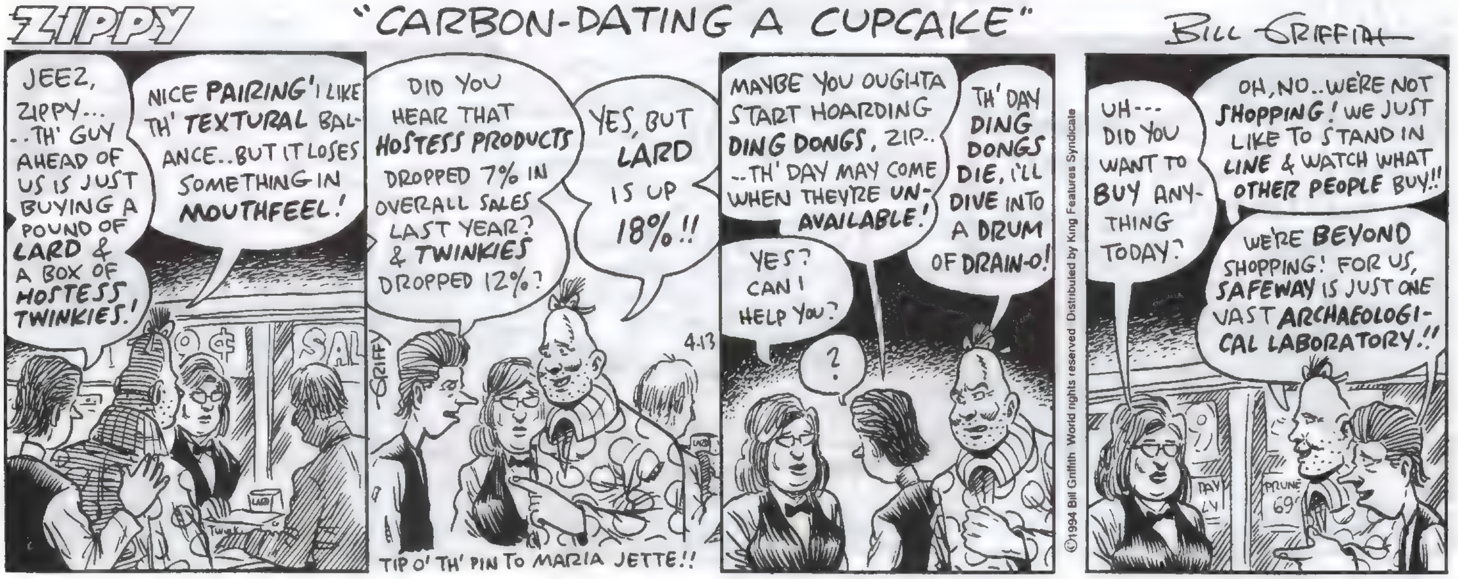
AS A MATTER OF FACT, TH' LEGEND OF TH' CAT CENTERS ON AN EARLY "EDO" PERIOD TEAHOUSE, "THE GOLDEN CAT" & ITS PROPRIETRESS, "O-TSUNA"... SEEMS SHE CAJOLED A GUEST OUT OF BORROWED MONEY & UNABLE TO PAY IT BACK, HE THREATENED SUICIDE!
GRIFFY
4-12
NO! NO!! MY EARS WON'T HEAR THIS BLASPHEMY!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MR. JONATHAN L. BULLER!!
WELL, HEH-HEH, O-TSUNA DISCOVERED TH' GUY BY A RIVER, READY TO JUMP IN AND, LEARNING SHE'D RUINED HIM, SHE JOINED HIM IN A RITUAL DOUBLE SUICIDE! TH' "MANEKI NEKO" ALSO APPEARS FREQUENTLY IN JAPANESE GEISHA HOUSES! SOME STORY, HUH?
HELLO, SANRIO? I HAVE A JOB FOR TH' CUTENESS POLICE! YEH, BRING HANDCUFFS, ROPE & A BATTERY OF HIGH-POWERED LAWYERS!


ZIPPY
"CARBON-DATING A CUPCAKE"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, ZIPPY... TH' GUY AHEAD OF US IS JUST BUYING A POUND OF LARD & A BOX OF HOSTESS TWINKIES!
NICE PAIRING! I LIKE TH' TEXTURAL BALANCE.. BUT IT LOSES SOMETHING IN MOUTHFEEL!
9¢
SAL
LARD
TWINKIES
DID YOU HEAR THAT HOSTESS PRODUCTS DROPPED 7% IN OVERALL SALES LAST YEAR? & TWINKIES DROPPED 12%?
YES, BUT LARD IS UP 18%!!
GRIFFY
4-13
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MARIA JETTE!!
MAYBE YOU OUGHTA START HOARDING DING DONGS, ZIP.. ..TH' DAY MAY COME WHEN THEY'RE UNAVAILABLE!
TH' DAY DING DONGS DIE, I'LL DIVE INTO A DRUM OF DRAIN-O!
YES? CAN I HELP YOU?
?
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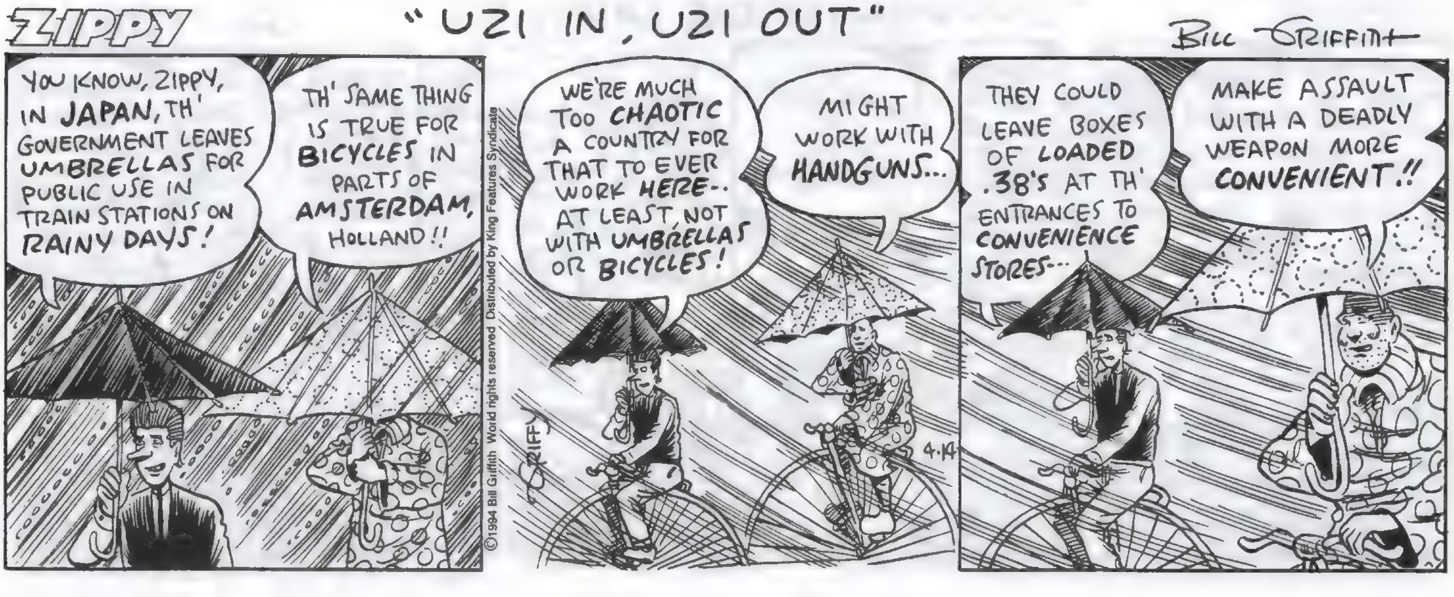
UH--- DID YOU WANT TO BUY ANYTHING TODAY?
OH, NO.. WE'RE NOT SHOPPING! WE JUST LIKE TO STAND IN LINE & WATCH WHAT OTHER PEOPLE BUY!!
WE'RE BEYOND SHOPPING! FOR US, SAFEWAY IS JUST ONE VAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL LABORATORY!!
PRUNE 69¢


ZIPPY
"UZI IN, UZI OUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW, ZIPPY, IN JAPAN, TH' GOVERNMENT LEAVES UMBRELLAS FOR PUBLIC USE IN TRAIN STATIONS ON RAINY DAYS!
TH' SAME THING IS TRUE FOR BICYCLES IN PARTS OF AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND!!
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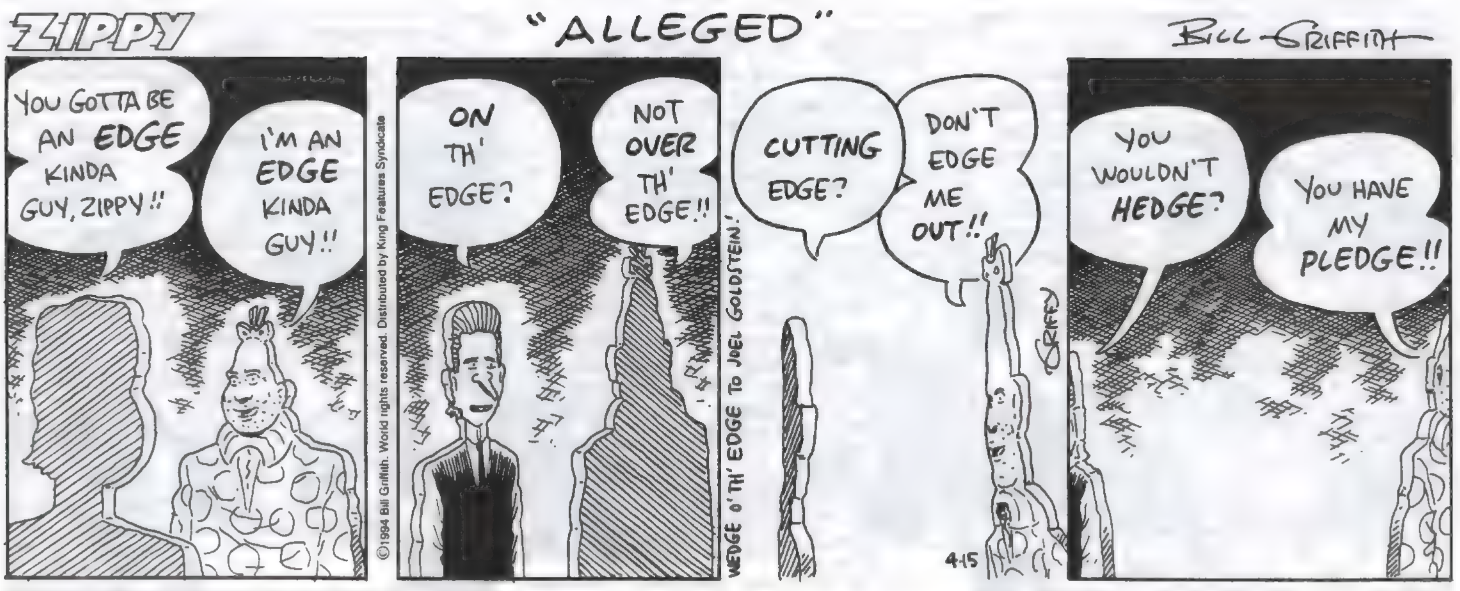
WE'RE MUCH TOO CHAOTIC A COUNTRY FOR THAT TO EVER WORK HERE.. AT LEAST, NOT WITH UMBRELLAS OR BICYCLES!
MIGHT WORK WITH HANDGUNS...
GRIFFY
4-14
THEY COULD LEAVE BOXES OF LOADED .38'S AT TH' ENTRANCES TO CONVENIENCE STORES...
MAKE ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON MORE CONVENIENT!!


ZIPPY
"ALLEGED"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU GOTTA BE AN EDGE KINDA GUY, ZIPPY!!
I'M AN EDGE KINDA GUY!!
ON TH' EDGE?
NOT OVER TH' EDGE!!
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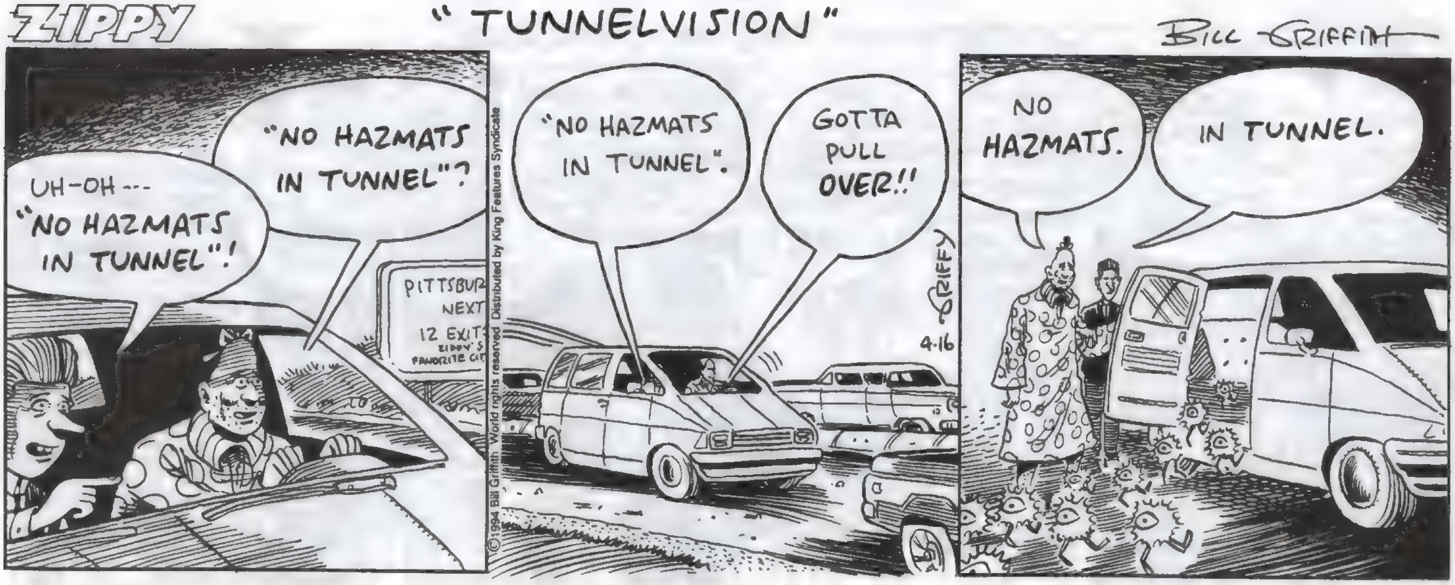
WEDGE O' TH' EDGE TO JOEL GOLDSTEIN!
CUTTING EDGE?
DON'T EDGE ME OUT!!
GRIFFY
4·15
YOU WOULDN'T HEDGE?
YOU HAVE MY PLEDGE!!


ZIPPY
"TUNNELVISION"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH --- "NO HAZMATS IN TUNNEL"!
"NO HAZMATS IN TUNNEL"?
PITTSBUR NEXT 12 EXIT ZIPPY'S FAVORITE CIT
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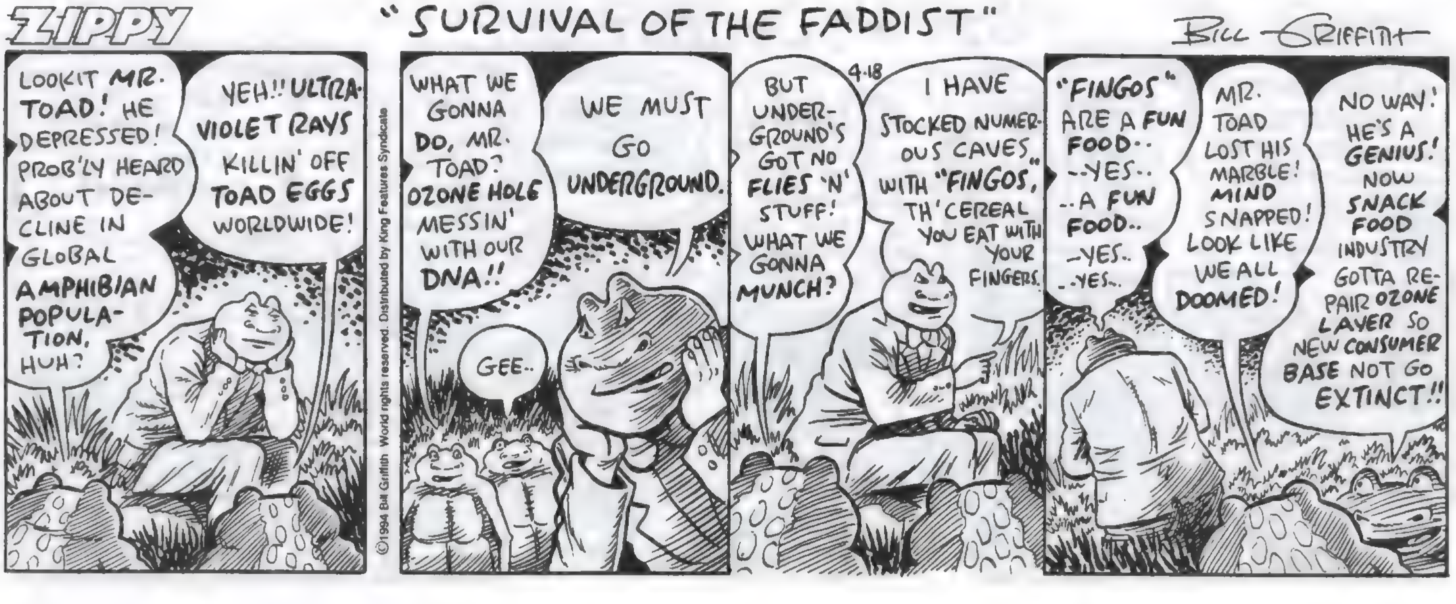
"NO HAZMATS IN TUNNEL".
GOTTA PULL OVER!!
GRIFFY
4·16
NO HAZMATS.
IN TUNNEL.


ZIPPY
"SURVIVAL OF THE FADDIST"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOKIT MR. TOAD! HE DEPRESSED! PROB'LY HEARD ABOUT DECLINE IN GLOBAL AMPHIBIAN POPULATION, HUH?
YEH!! ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS KILLIN' OFF TOAD EGGS WORLDWIDE!
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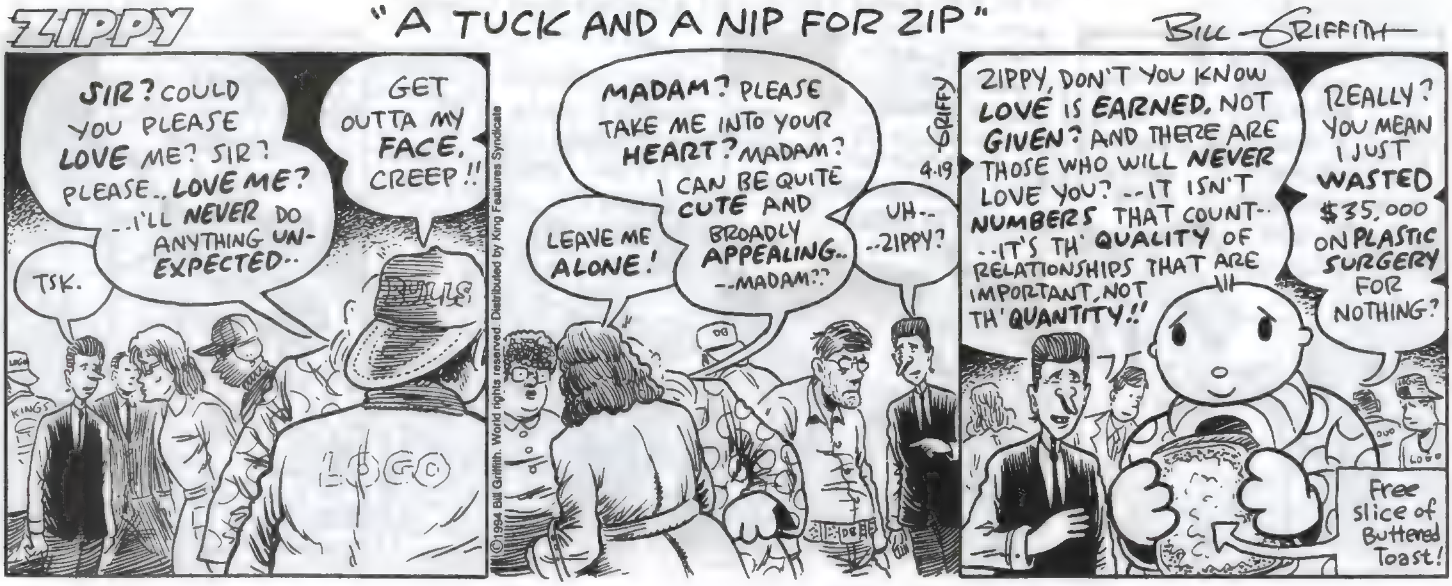
WHAT WE GONNA DO, MR. TOAD? OZONE HOLE MESSIN' WITH OUR DNA!!
WE MUST GO UNDERGROUND.
GEE..
4·18
BUT UNDERGROUND'S GOT NO FLIES 'N' STUFF! WHAT WE GONNA MUNCH?
I HAVE STOCKED NUMEROUS CAVES WITH "FINGOS," TH' CEREAL YOU EAT WITH YOUR FINGERS.
"FINGOS" ARE A FUN FOOD.. --YES.. ..A FUN FOOD.. --YES.. ..YES..
MR. TOAD LOST HIS MARBLE! MIND SNAPPED! LOOK LIKE WE ALL DOOMED!
NO WAY! HE'S A GENIUS! NOW SNACK FOOD INDUSTRY GOTTA REPAIR OZONE LAYER SO NEW CONSUMER BASE NOT GO EXTINCT!!


ZIPPY
"A TUCK AND A NIP FOR ZIP"
BILL GRIFFITH
SIR? COULD YOU PLEASE LOVE ME? SIR? PLEASE.. LOVE ME? --I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING UN-EXPECTED--
GET OUTTA MY FACE, CREEP!!
TSK.
BULLS
KINGS
LOGO
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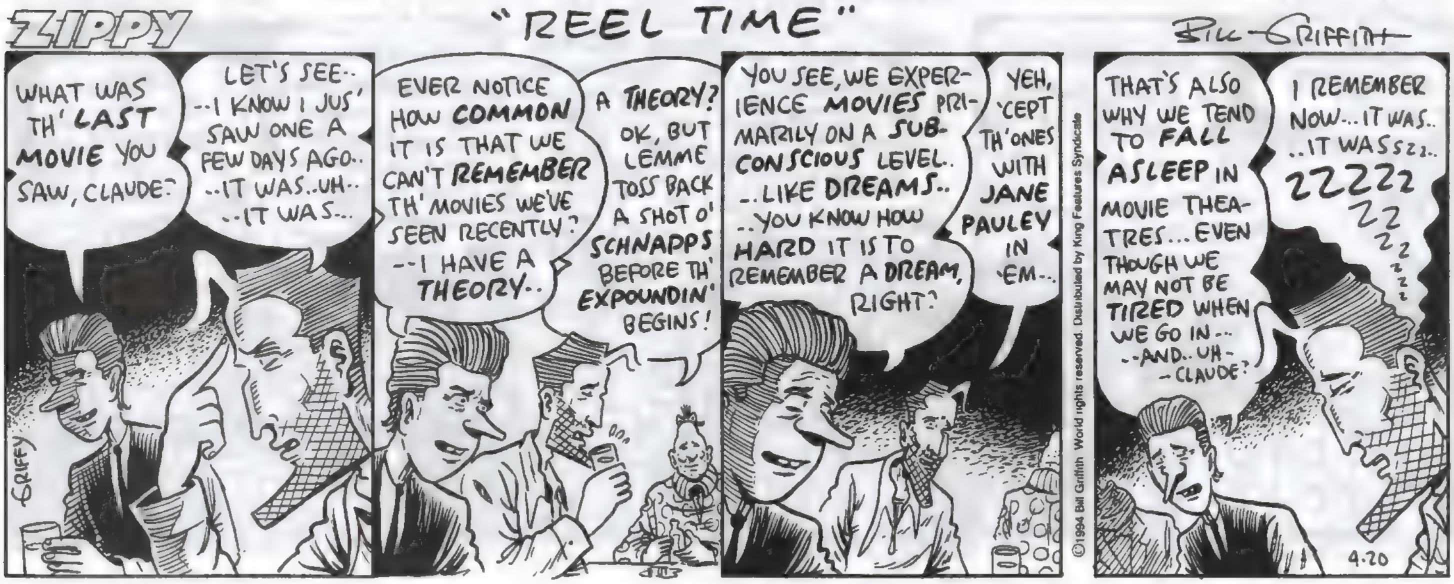
GRIFFY
4.19
MADAM? PLEASE TAKE ME INTO YOUR HEART? MADAM? I CAN BE QUITE CUTE AND BROADLY APPEALING.. --MADAM??
LEAVE ME ALONE!
UH-- --ZIPPY?
ZIPPY, DON'T YOU KNOW LOVE IS EARNED, NOT GIVEN? AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL NEVER LOVE YOU? --IT ISN'T NUMBERS THAT COUNT-- --IT'S TH' QUALITY OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE IMPORTANT, NOT TH' QUANTITY!!
REALLY? YOU MEAN I JUST WASTED $35,000 ON PLASTIC SURGERY FOR NOTHING?
Free slice of Buttered Toast!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"REEL TIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT WAS TH' LAST MOVIE YOU SAW, CLAUDE?
LET'S SEE-- --I KNOW I JUS' SAW ONE A FEW DAYS AGO-- --IT WAS..UH-- --IT WAS...
GRIFFY
EVER NOTICE HOW COMMON IT IS THAT WE CAN'T REMEMBER TH' MOVIES WE'VE SEEN RECENTLY? --I HAVE A THEORY..
A THEORY? OK, BUT LEMME TOSS BACK A SHOT O' SCHNAPPS BEFORE TH' EXPOUNDIN' BEGINS!
YOU SEE, WE EXPERIENCE MOVIES PRIMARILY ON A SUBCONSCIOUS LEVEL.. --LIKE DREAMS.. --YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO REMEMBER A DREAM, RIGHT?
YEH, 'CEPT TH' ONES WITH JANE PAULEY IN 'EM--
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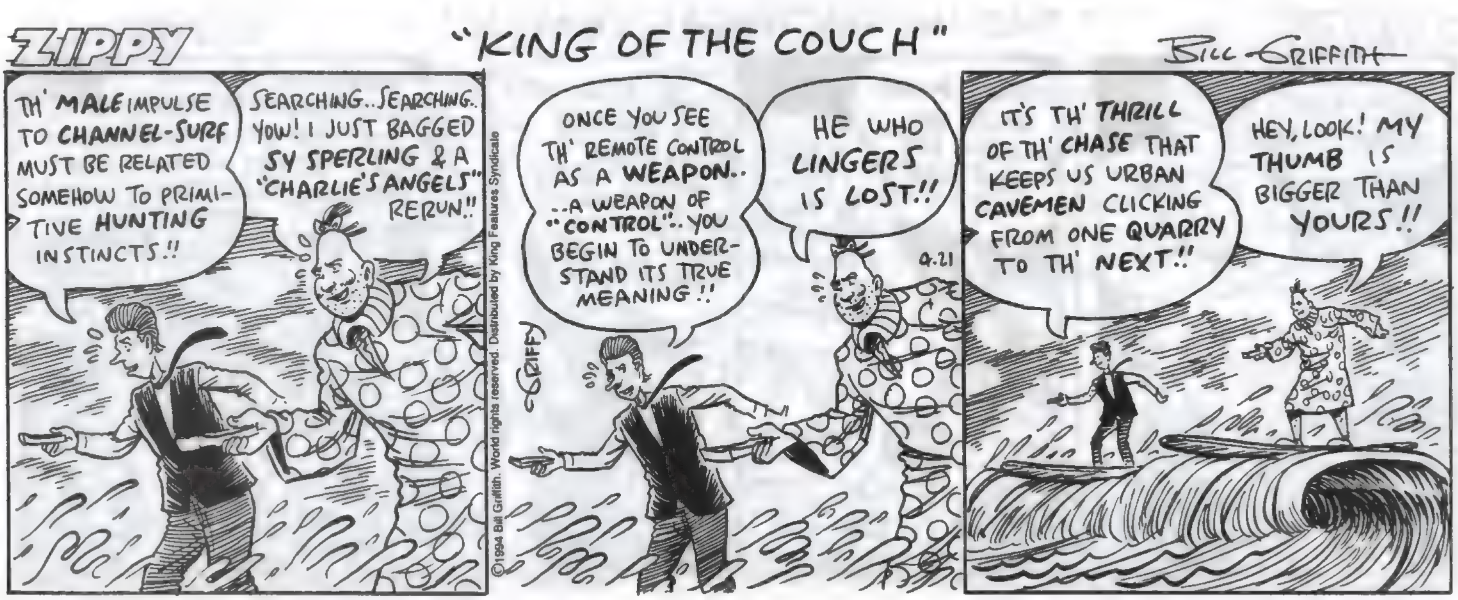
THAT'S ALSO WHY WE TEND TO FALL ASLEEP IN MOVIE THEATRES... EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT BE TIRED WHEN WE GO IN-- --AND..UH-- --CLAUDE?
I REMEMBER NOW... IT WAS.. ..IT WASzzz.. ZZZZZ
4.20


ZIPPY
"KING OF THE COUCH"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' MALE IMPULSE TO CHANNEL-SURF MUST BE RELATED SOMEHOW TO PRIMITIVE HUNTING INSTINCTS!!
SEARCHING..SEARCHING.. YOW! I JUST BAGGED SY SPERLING & A "CHARLIE'S ANGELS" RERUN!!
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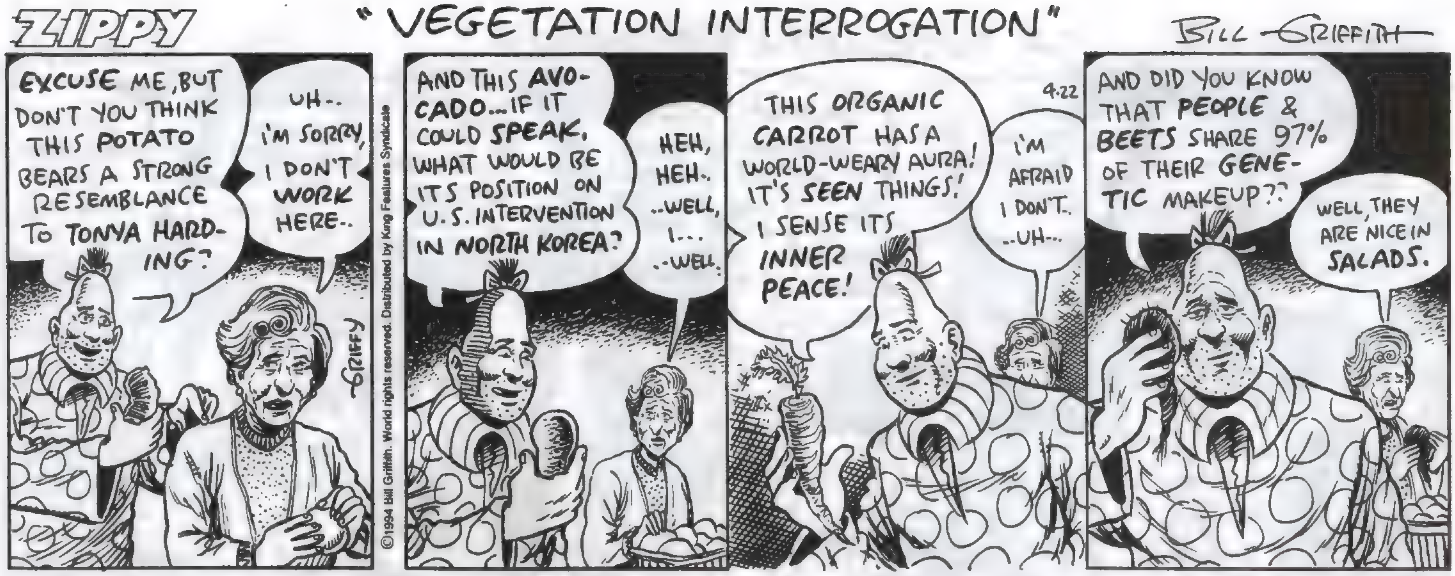
GRIFFY
ONCE YOU SEE TH' REMOTE CONTROL AS A WEAPON.. --A WEAPON OF "CONTROL".. YOU BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND ITS TRUE MEANING!!
HE WHO LINGERS IS LOST!!
4.21
IT'S TH' THRILL OF TH' CHASE THAT KEEPS US URBAN CAVEMEN CLICKING FROM ONE QUARRY TO TH' NEXT!!
HEY, LOOK! MY THUMB IS BIGGER THAN YOURS!!


ZIPPY
"VEGETATION INTERROGATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
EXCUSE ME, BUT DON'T YOU THINK THIS POTATO BEARS A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO TONYA HARDING?
UH.. I'M SORRY, I DON'T WORK HERE..
GRIFFY
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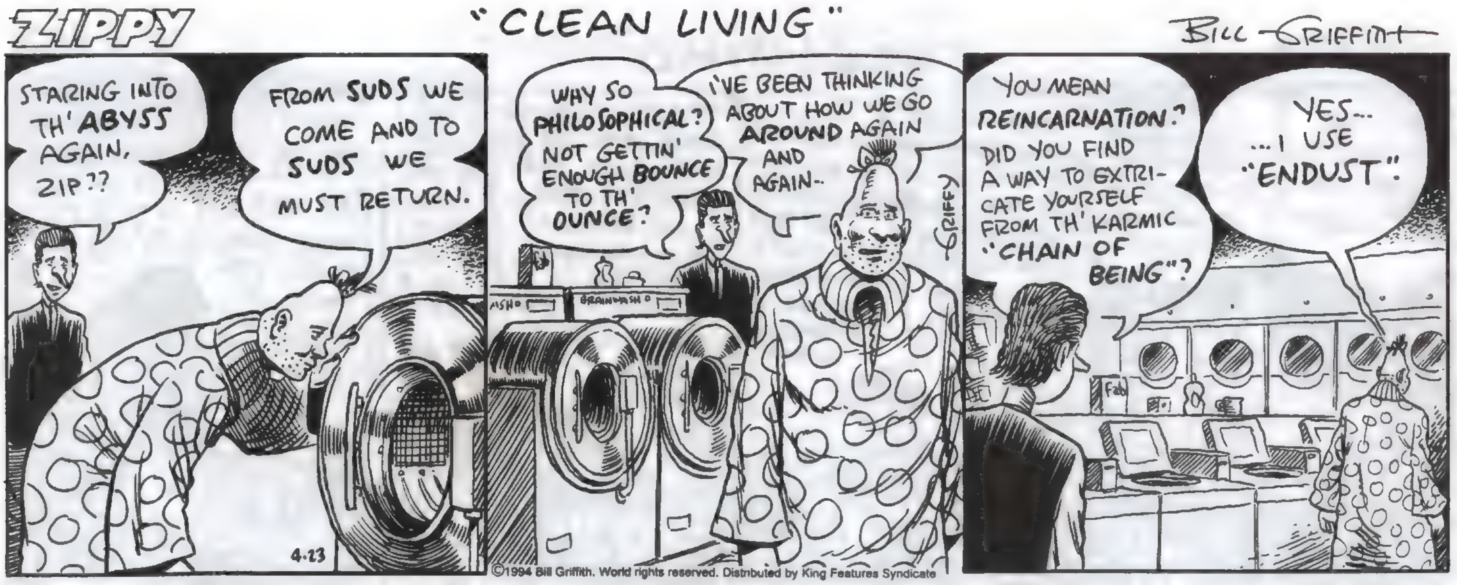
AND THIS AVOCADO...IF IT COULD SPEAK, WHAT WOULD BE ITS POSITION ON U.S. INTERVENTION IN NORTH KOREA?
HEH, HEH.. ..WELL, I... ..WELL..
4.22
THIS ORGANIC CARROT HAS A WORLD-WEARY AURA! IT'S SEEN THINGS! I SENSE ITS INNER PEACE!
I'M AFRAID I DON'T.. ..UH...
AND DID YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE & BEETS SHARE 97% OF THEIR GENETIC MAKEUP??
WELL, THEY ARE NICE IN SALADS.


ZIPPY
"CLEAN LIVING"
BILL GRIFFITH
STARING INTO TH' ABYSS AGAIN, ZIP??
FROM SUDS WE COME AND TO SUDS WE MUST RETURN.
4.23
WHY SO PHILOSOPHICAL? NOT GETTIN' ENOUGH BOUNCE TO TH' OUNCE?
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW WE GO AROUND AGAIN AND AGAIN..
GRIFFY
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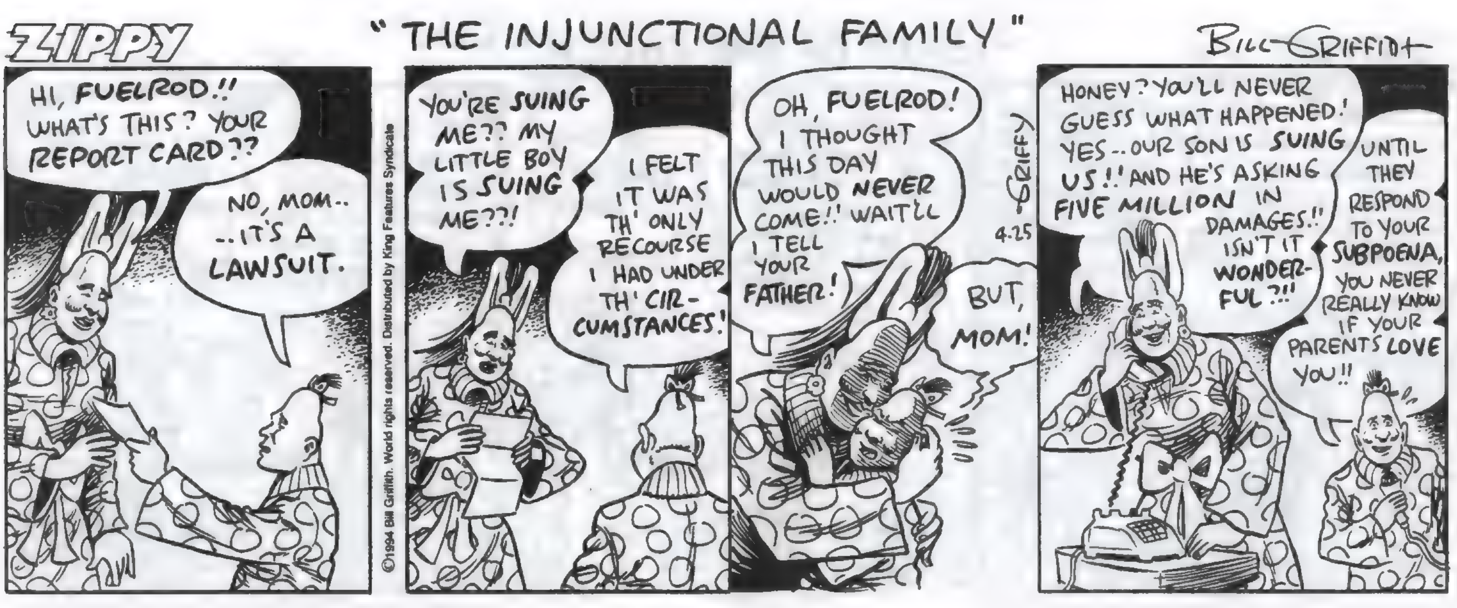
YOU MEAN REINCARNATION? DID YOU FIND A WAY TO EXTRICATE YOURSELF FROM TH' KARMIC "CHAIN OF BEING"?
YES.. ...I USE "ENDUST".


ZIPPY
"THE INJUNCTIONAL FAMILY"
BILL GRIFFITH
HI, FUELROD!! WHAT'S THIS? YOUR REPORT CARD??
NO, MOM.. ..IT'S A LAWSUIT.
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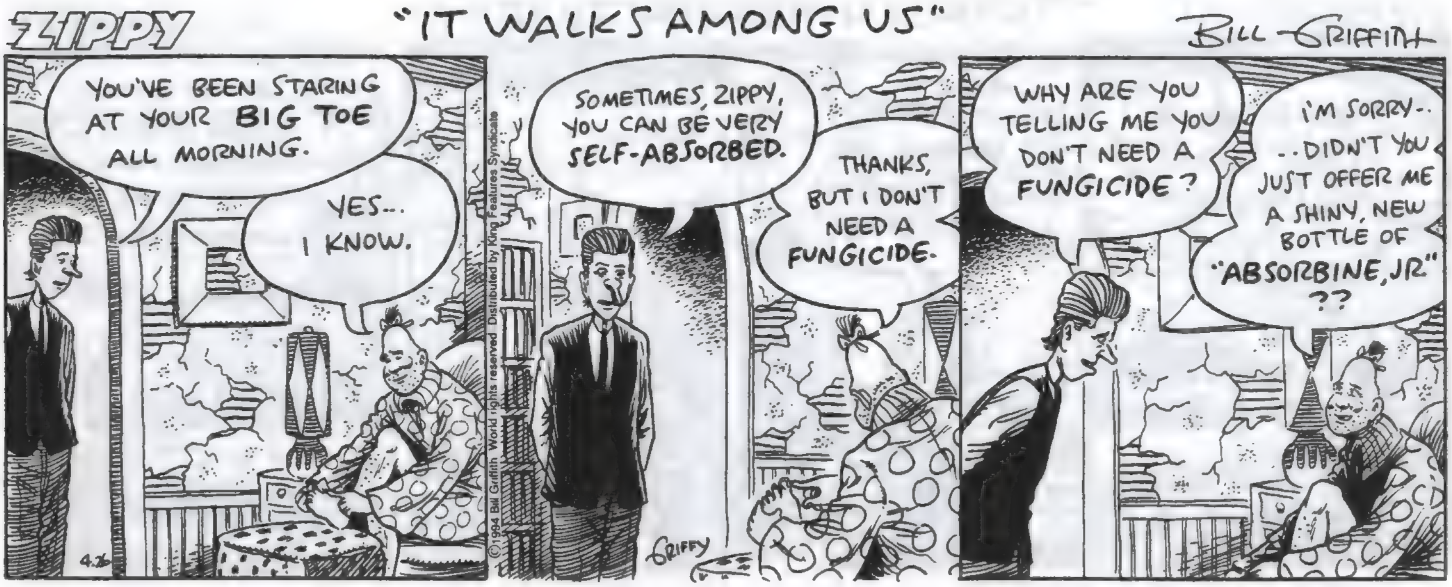
YOU'RE SUING ME?? MY LITTLE BOY IS SUING ME??!
I FELT IT WAS TH' ONLY RECOURSE I HAD UNDER TH' CIRCUMSTANCES!
OH, FUELROD! I THOUGHT THIS DAY WOULD NEVER COME!! WAIT'LL I TELL YOUR FATHER!
GRIFFY
4.25
BUT, MOM!
HONEY? YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT HAPPENED! YES..OUR SON IS SUING US!! AND HE'S ASKING FIVE MILLION IN DAMAGES!! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?!!
UNTIL THEY RESPOND TO YOUR SUBPOENA, YOU NEVER REALLY KNOW IF YOUR PARENTS LOVE YOU!!


ZIPPY
"IT WALKS AMONG US"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT YOUR BIG TOE ALL MORNING.
YES.. I KNOW.
4.26
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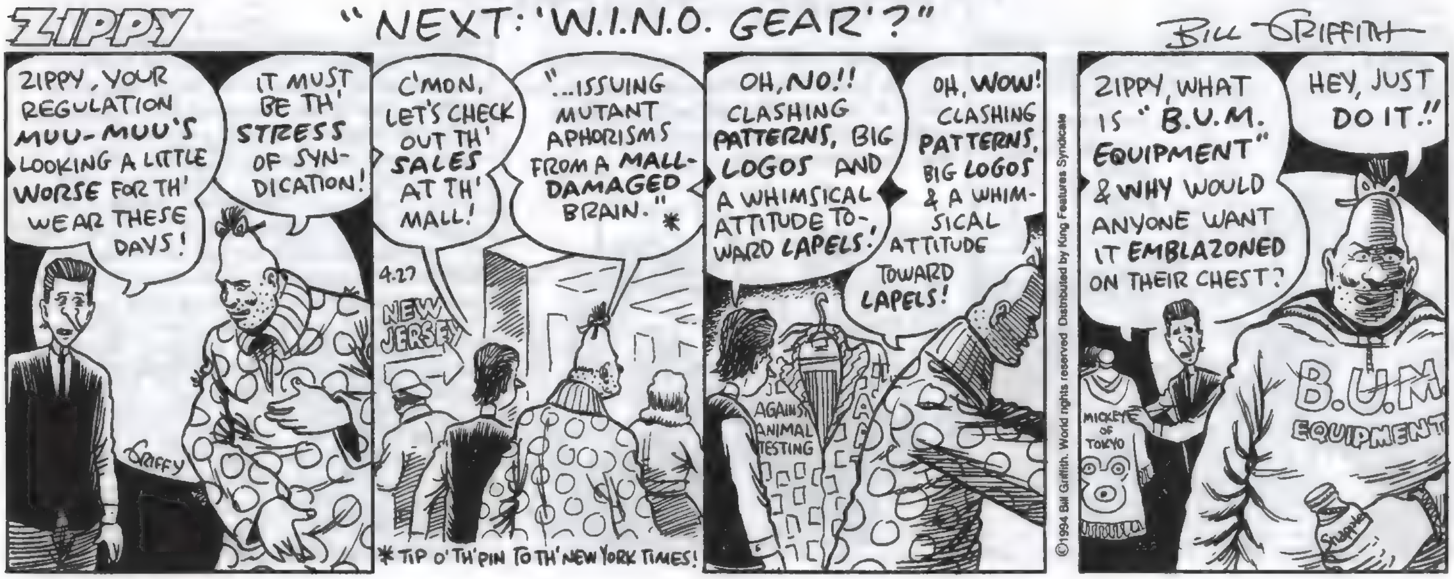
SOMETIMES, ZIPPY, YOU CAN BE VERY SELF-ABSORBED.
THANKS, BUT I DON'T NEED A FUNGICIDE.
GRIFFY
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DON'T NEED A FUNGICIDE?
I'M SORRY.. ..DIDN'T YOU JUST OFFER ME A SHINY, NEW BOTTLE OF "ABSORBINE, JR" ??


ZIPPY
"NEXT: 'W.I.N.O. GEAR'?"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOUR REGULATION MUU-MUU'S LOOKING A LITTLE WORSE FOR TH' WEAR THESE DAYS!
IT MUST BE TH' STRESS OF SYNDICATION!
GRIFFY
C'MON, LET'S CHECK OUT TH' SALES AT TH' MALL!
"...ISSUING MUTANT APHORISMS FROM A MALL-DAMAGED BRAIN." *
4.27
NEW JERSEY
* TIP O' TH' PIN TO TH' NEW YORK TIMES!
OH, NO!! CLASHING PATTERNS, BIG LOGOS AND A WHIMSICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD LAPELS!
OH, WOW! CLASHING PATTERNS, BIG LOGOS & A WHIMSICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD LAPELS!
AGAINST ANIMAL TESTING
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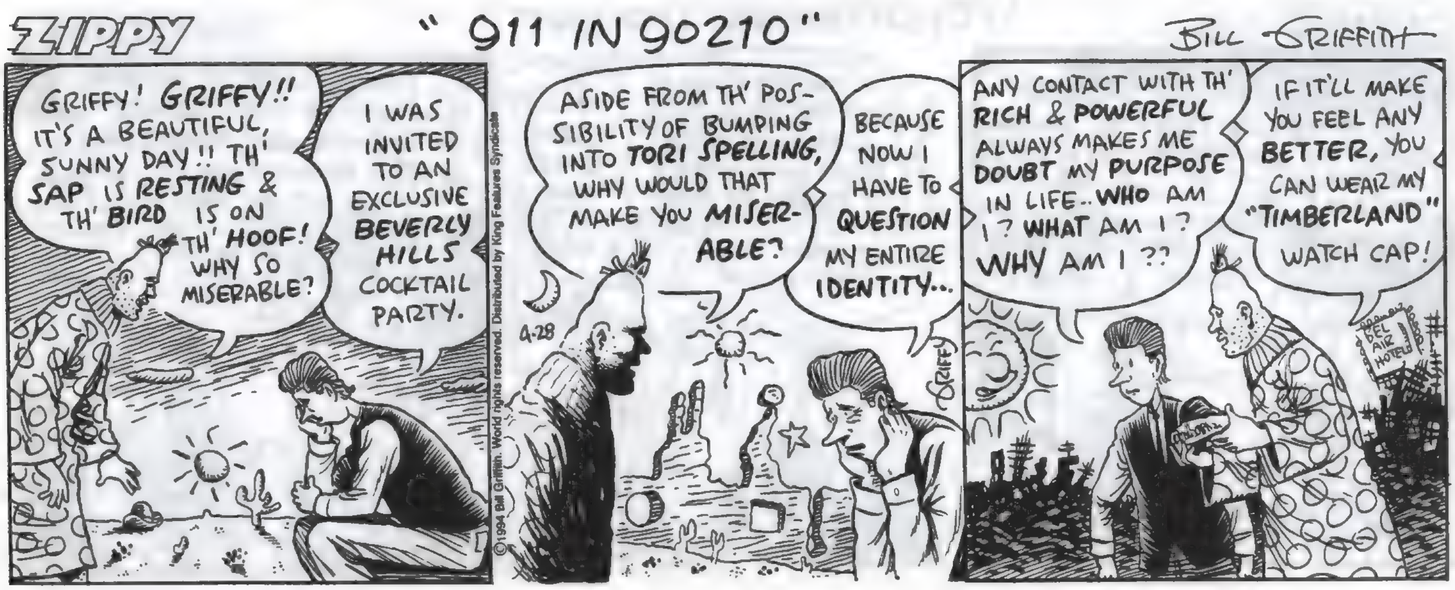
ZIPPY, WHAT IS "B.U.M. EQUIPMENT" & WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT IT EMBLAZONED ON THEIR CHEST?
HEY, JUST DO IT!!
MICKEY OF TOKYO
B.U.M. EQUIPMENT
Snapple


ZIPPY
" 911 IN 90210"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY! GRIFFY!! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY DAY!! TH' SAP IS RESTING & TH' BIRD IS ON TH' HOOF! WHY SO MISERABLE?
I WAS INVITED TO AN EXCLUSIVE BEVERLY HILLS COCKTAIL PARTY.
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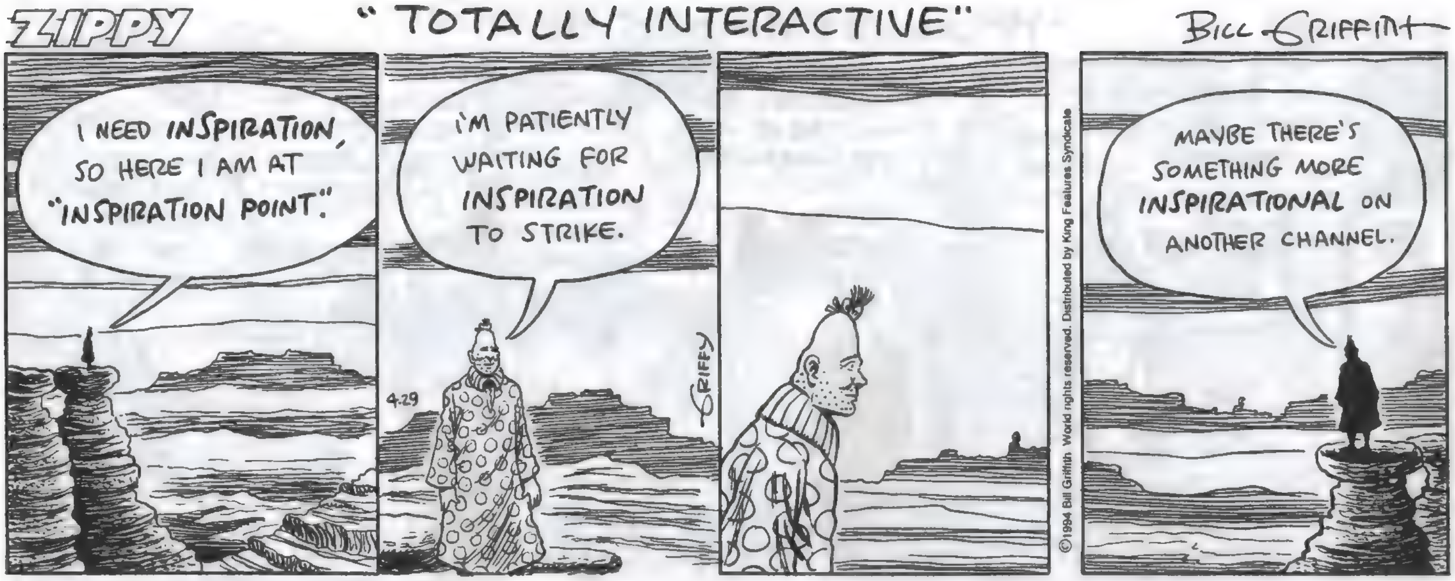
ASIDE FROM TH' POSSIBILITY OF BUMPING INTO TORI SPELLING, WHY WOULD THAT MAKE YOU MISERABLE?
BECAUSE NOW I HAVE TO QUESTION MY ENTIRE IDENTITY...
4.28
GRIFFY
ANY CONTACT WITH TH' RICH & POWERFUL ALWAYS MAKES ME DOUBT MY PURPOSE IN LIFE.. WHO AM I? WHAT AM I? WHY AM I??
IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, YOU CAN WEAR MY "TIMBERLAND" WATCH CAP!
BEL AIR HOTEL


ZIPPY
"TOTALLY INTERACTIVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I NEED INSPIRATION, SO HERE I AM AT "INSPIRATION POINT."
I'M PATIENTLY WAITING FOR INSPIRATION TO STRIKE.
4-29
GRIFFY
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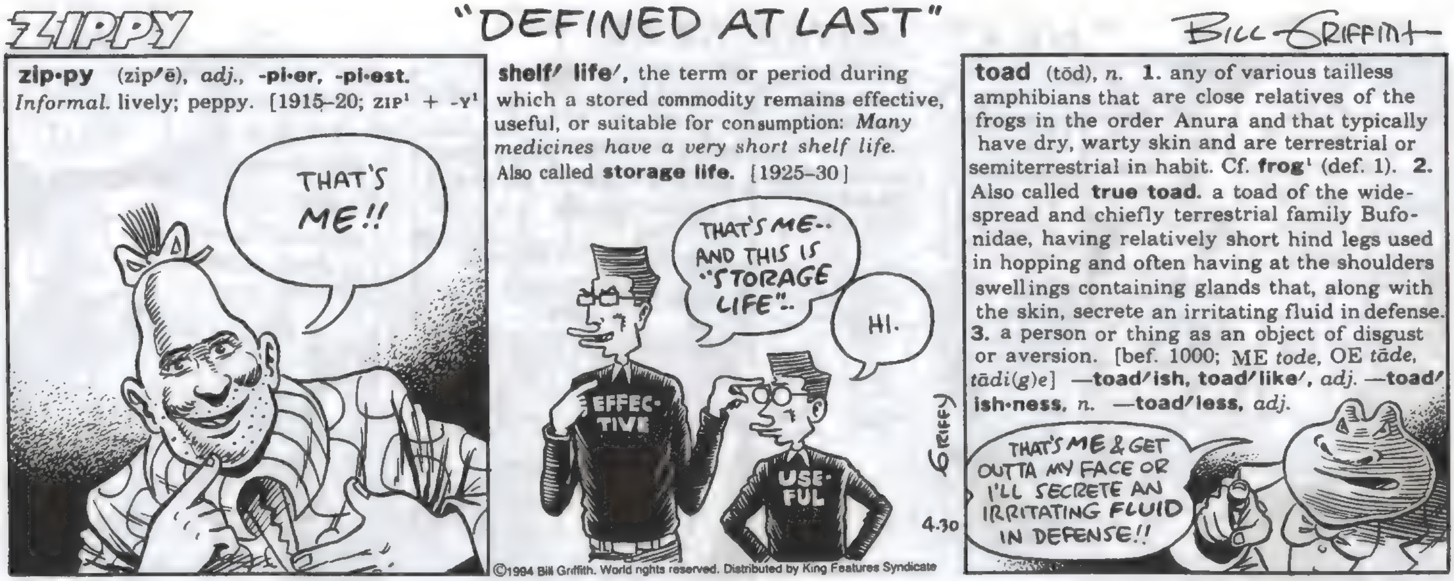
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING MORE INSPIRATIONAL ON ANOTHER CHANNEL.


ZIPPY
"DEFINED AT LAST"
BILL GRIFFITH
zip·py (zip′ē), adj., -pi·er, -pi·est. Informal. lively; peppy. [1915–20; zip¹ + -y¹
THAT'S ME!!
shelf′ life′, the term or period during which a stored commodity remains effective, useful, or suitable for consumption: Many medicines have a very short shelf life. Also called storage life. [1925–30]
THAT'S ME-- AND THIS IS "STORAGE LIFE"--
HI.
EFFEC-TIVE
USE-FUL
GRIFFY
4-30
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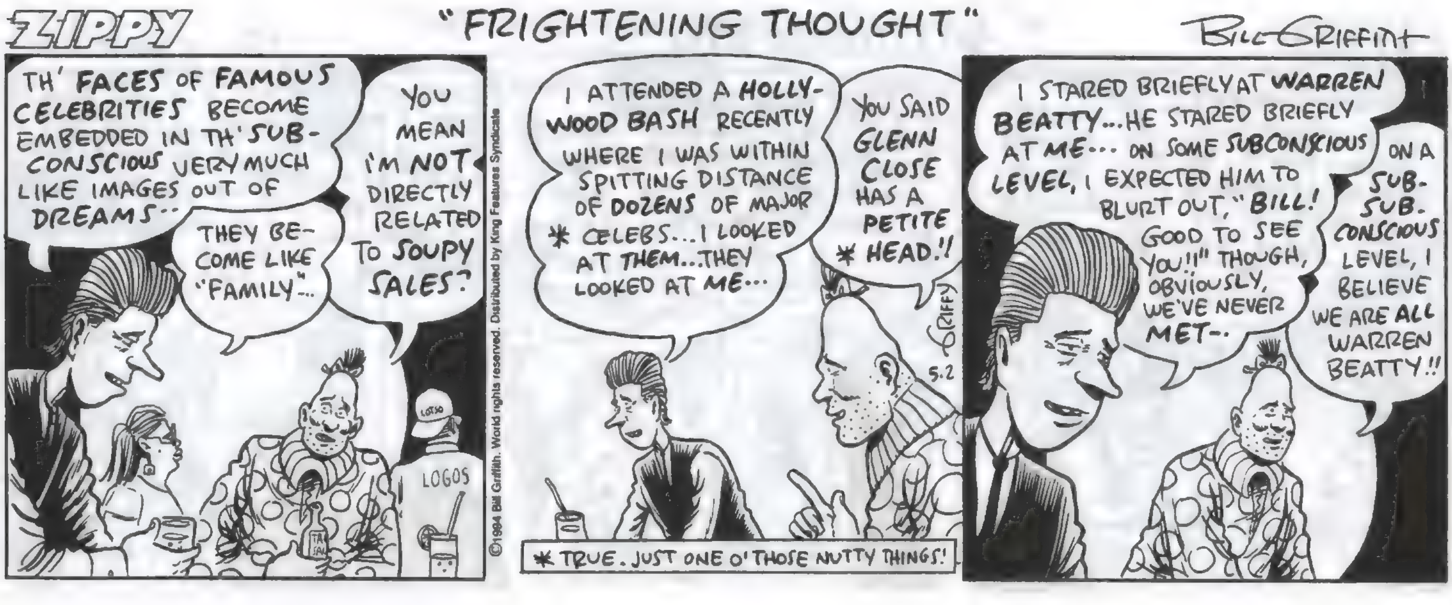
toad (tōd), n. 1. any of various tailless amphibians that are close relatives of the frogs in the order Anura and that typically have dry, warty skin and are terrestrial or semiterrestrial in habit. Cf. frog¹ (def. 1). 2. Also called true toad. a toad of the widespread and chiefly terrestrial family Bufonidae, having relatively short hind legs used in hopping and often having at the shoulders swellings containing glands that, along with the skin, secrete an irritating fluid in defense. 3. a person or thing as an object of disgust or aversion. [bef. 1000; ME tode, OE tāde, tādi(g)e] —toad′ish, toad′like′, adj. —toad′ish·ness, n. —toad′less, adj.
THAT'S ME & GET OUTTA MY FACE OR I'LL SECRETE AN IRRITATING FLUID IN DEFENSE!!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"FRIGHTENING THOUGHT"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' FACES OF FAMOUS CELEBRITIES BECOME EMBEDDED IN TH' SUBCONSCIOUS VERY MUCH LIKE IMAGES OUT OF DREAMS--
THEY BECOME LIKE "FAMILY"...
YOU MEAN I'M NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO SOUPY SALES?
LOGOS
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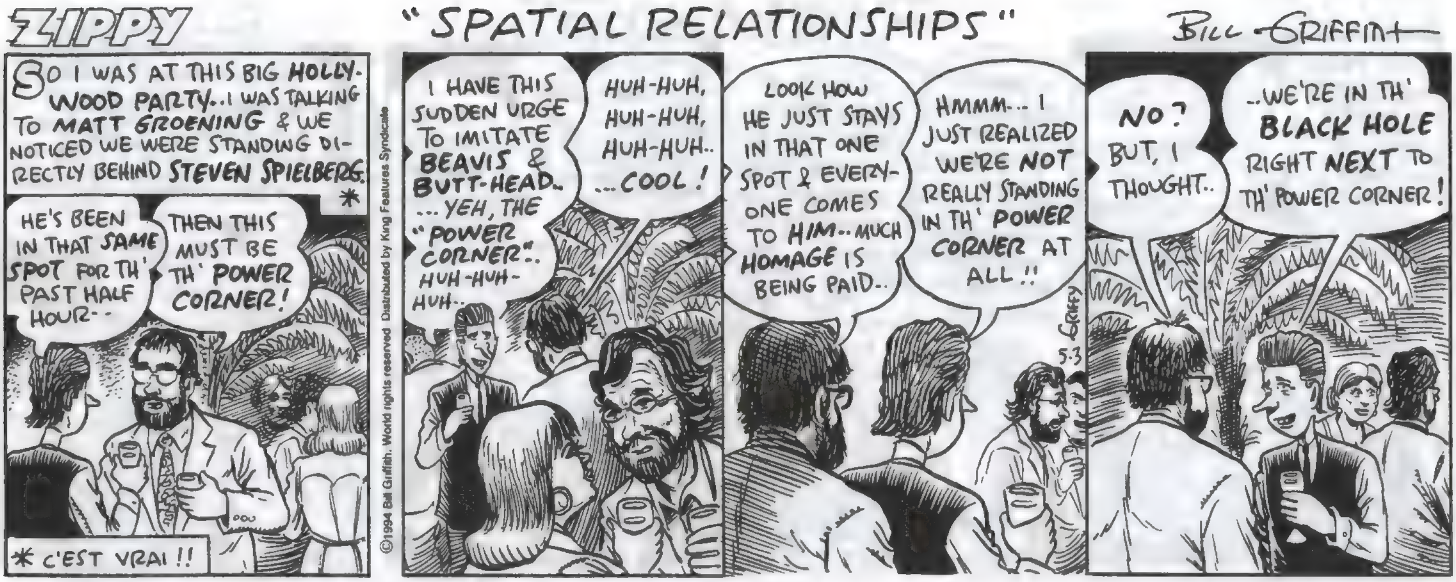
I ATTENDED A HOLLYWOOD BASH RECENTLY WHERE I WAS WITHIN SPITTING DISTANCE OF DOZENS OF MAJOR * CELEBS... I LOOKED AT THEM... THEY LOOKED AT ME...
YOU SAID GLENN CLOSE HAS A PETITE * HEAD!!
GRIFFY
5-2
* TRUE. JUST ONE O' THOSE NUTTY THINGS!
I STARED BRIEFLY AT WARREN BEATTY... HE STARED BRIEFLY AT ME... ON SOME SUBCONSCIOUS LEVEL, I EXPECTED HIM TO BLURT OUT, "BILL! GOOD TO SEE YOU!!" THOUGH, OBVIOUSLY, WE'VE NEVER MET--.
ON A SUB-SUB-CONSCIOUS LEVEL, I BELIEVE WE ARE ALL WARREN BEATTY!!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"SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO I WAS AT THIS BIG HOLLYWOOD PARTY.. I WAS TALKING TO MATT GROENING & WE NOTICED WE WERE STANDING DIRECTLY BEHIND STEVEN SPIELBERG. *
HE'S BEEN IN THAT SAME SPOT FOR TH' PAST HALF HOUR--
THEN THIS MUST BE TH' POWER CORNER!
* C'EST VRAI !!
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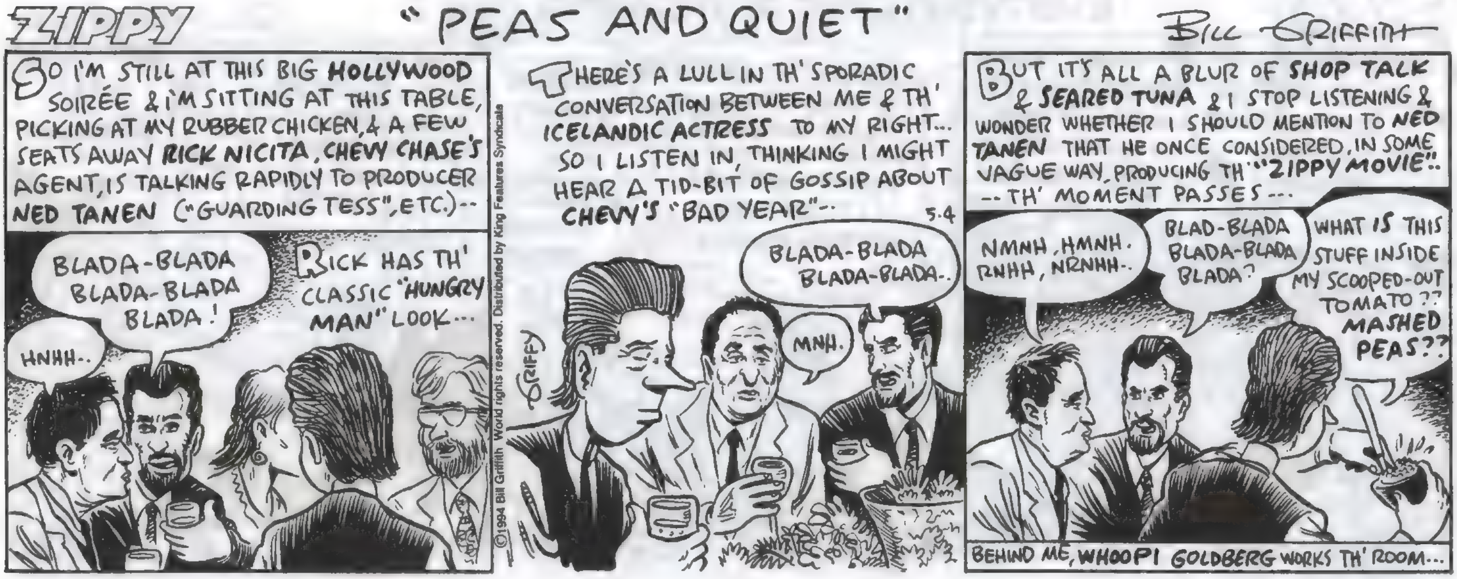
I HAVE THIS SUDDEN URGE TO IMITATE BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD.. ...YEH, THE "POWER CORNER".. HUH-HUH-HUH..
HUH-HUH, HUH-HUH, HUH-HUH.. ...COOL!
LOOK HOW HE JUST STAYS IN THAT ONE SPOT & EVERYONE COMES TO HIM.. MUCH HOMAGE IS BEING PAID..
HMMM... I JUST REALIZED WE'RE NOT REALLY STANDING IN TH' POWER CORNER AT ALL !!
GRIFFY
5-3
NO? BUT, I THOUGHT..
..WE'RE IN TH' BLACK HOLE RIGHT NEXT TO TH' POWER CORNER!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"PEAS AND QUIET"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO I'M STILL AT THIS BIG HOLLYWOOD SOIRÉE & I'M SITTING AT THIS TABLE, PICKING AT MY RUBBER CHICKEN, & A FEW SEATS AWAY RICK NICITA, CHEVY CHASE'S AGENT, IS TALKING RAPIDLY TO PRODUCER NED TANEN ("GUARDING TESS", ETC.)--
BLADA-BLADA BLADA-BLADA BLADA!
HNHH..
RICK HAS TH' CLASSIC "HUNGRY MAN" LOOK...
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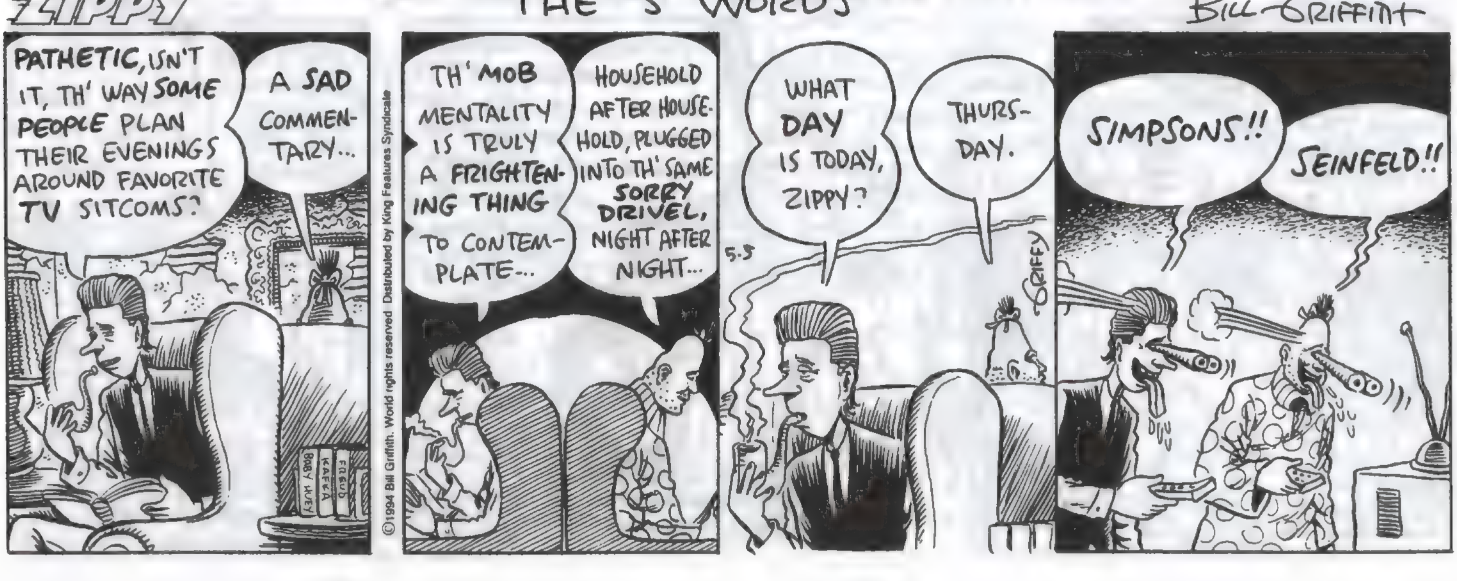
THERE'S A LULL IN TH' SPORADIC CONVERSATION BETWEEN ME & TH' ICELANDIC ACTRESS TO MY RIGHT... SO I LISTEN IN, THINKING I MIGHT HEAR A TID-BIT OF GOSSIP ABOUT CHEVY'S "BAD YEAR"..
5-4
BLADA-BLADA BLADA-BLADA..
MNH.
GRIFFY
BUT IT'S ALL A BLUR OF SHOP TALK & SEARED TUNA & I STOP LISTENING & WONDER WHETHER I SHOULD MENTION TO NED TANEN THAT HE ONCE CONSIDERED, IN SOME VAGUE WAY, PRODUCING TH' "ZIPPY MOVIE".. --TH' MOMENT PASSES---
NMNH, HMNH. RNHH, NRNHH..
BLAD-BLADA BLADA-BLADA BLADA?
WHAT IS THIS STUFF INSIDE MY SCOOPED-OUT TOMATO?? MASHED PEAS??
BEHIND ME, WHOOPI GOLDBERG WORKS TH' ROOM...


ZIPPY
"THE 'S' WORDS"
BILL GRIFFITH
PATHETIC, ISN'T IT, TH' WAY SOME PEOPLE PLAN THEIR EVENINGS AROUND FAVORITE TV SITCOMS?
A SAD COMMENTARY...
FREUD
KAFKA
BOBBY HEBB
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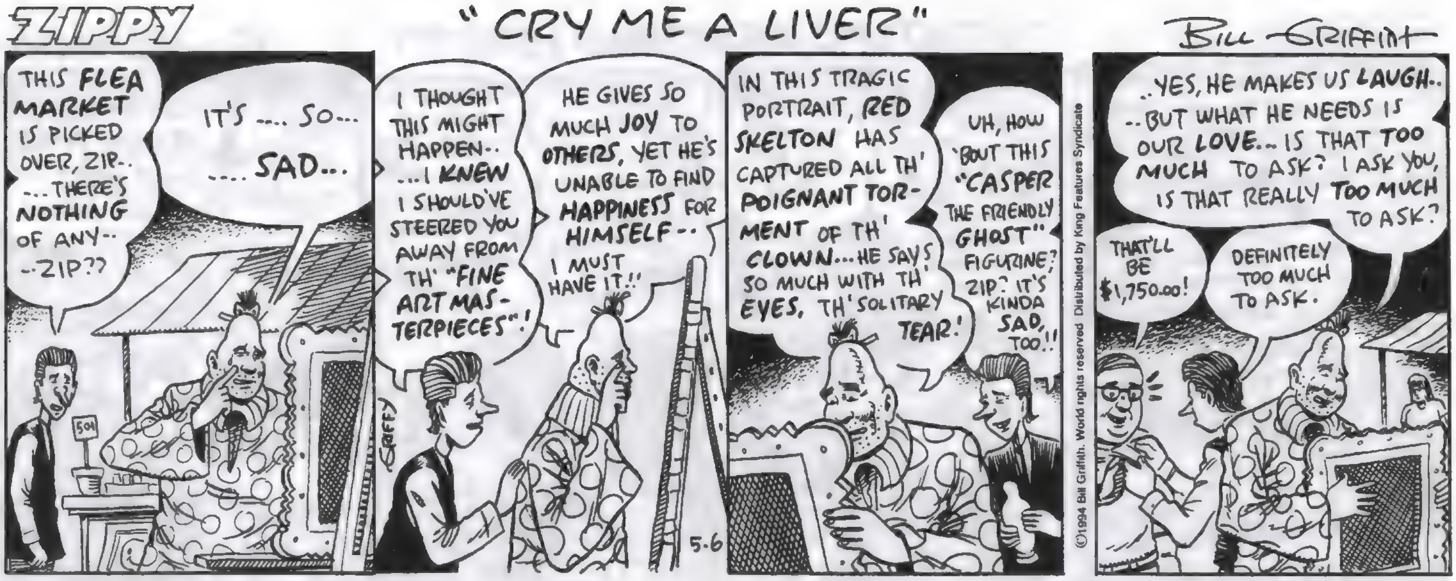
TH' MOB MENTALITY IS TRULY A FRIGHTENING THING TO CONTEMPLATE...
HOUSEHOLD AFTER HOUSEHOLD, PLUGGED INTO TH' SAME SORRY DRIVEL, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT...
5-5
WHAT DAY IS TODAY, ZIPPY?
THURSDAY.
GRIFFY
SIMPSONS!!
SEINFELD!!


ZIPPY
"CRY ME A LIVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS FLEA MARKET IS PICKED OVER, ZIP.. ...THERE'S NOTHING OF ANY-- --ZIP??
IT'S .... SO... ....SAD...
50¢
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN.. ...I KNEW I SHOULD'VE STEERED YOU AWAY FROM TH' "FINE ART MASTERPIECES"!
HE GIVES SO MUCH JOY TO OTHERS, YET HE'S UNABLE TO FIND HAPPINESS FOR HIMSELF--
I MUST HAVE IT!!
GRIFFY
5·6
IN THIS TRAGIC PORTRAIT, RED SKELTON HAS CAPTURED ALL TH' POIGNANT TORMENT OF TH' CLOWN...HE SAYS SO MUCH WITH TH' EYES, TH' SOLITARY TEAR!
UH, HOW 'BOUT THIS "CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST" FIGURINE? ZIP? IT'S KINDA SAD, TOO!!
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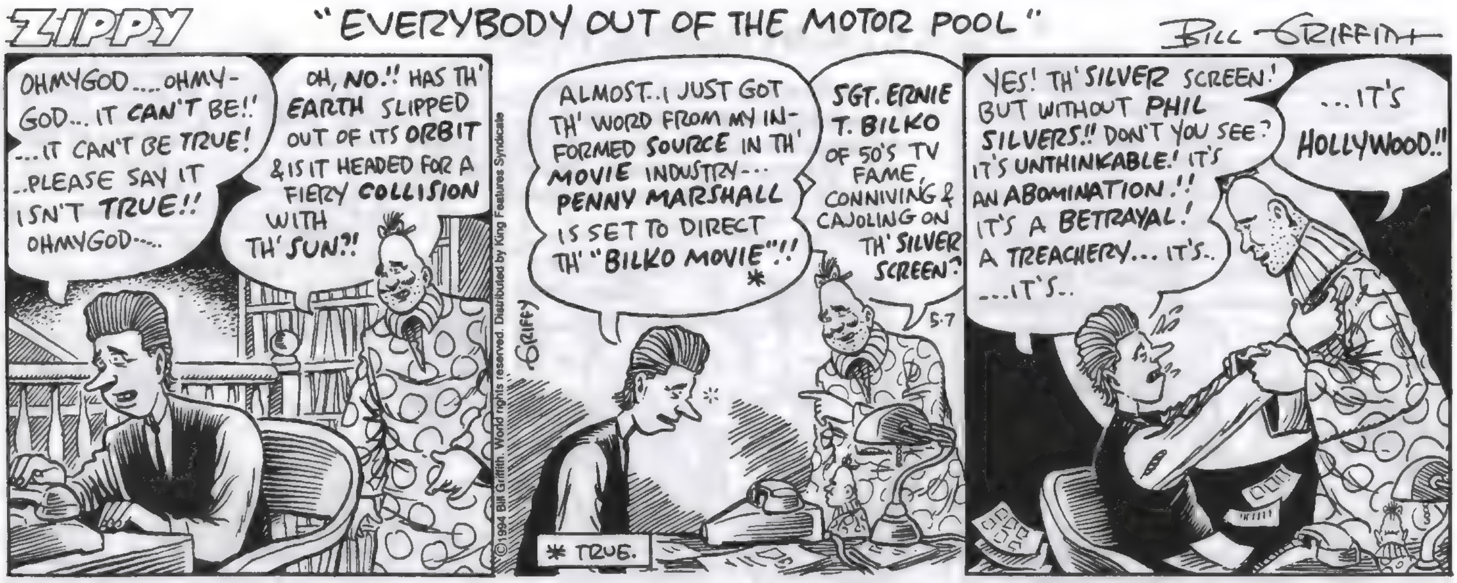
..YES, HE MAKES US LAUGH.. ..BUT WHAT HE NEEDS IS OUR LOVE.. IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK? I ASK YOU, IS THAT REALLY TOO MUCH TO ASK?
THAT'LL BE $1,750.00!
DEFINITELY TOO MUCH TO ASK.


ZIPPY
"EVERYBODY OUT OF THE MOTOR POOL"
BILL GRIFFITH
OHMYGOD....OHMY-GOD... IT CAN'T BE!! ...IT CAN'T BE TRUE! ..PLEASE SAY IT ISN'T TRUE!! OHMYGOD-....
OH, NO!! HAS TH' EARTH SLIPPED OUT OF ITS ORBIT & IS IT HEADED FOR A FIERY COLLISION WITH TH' SUN?!
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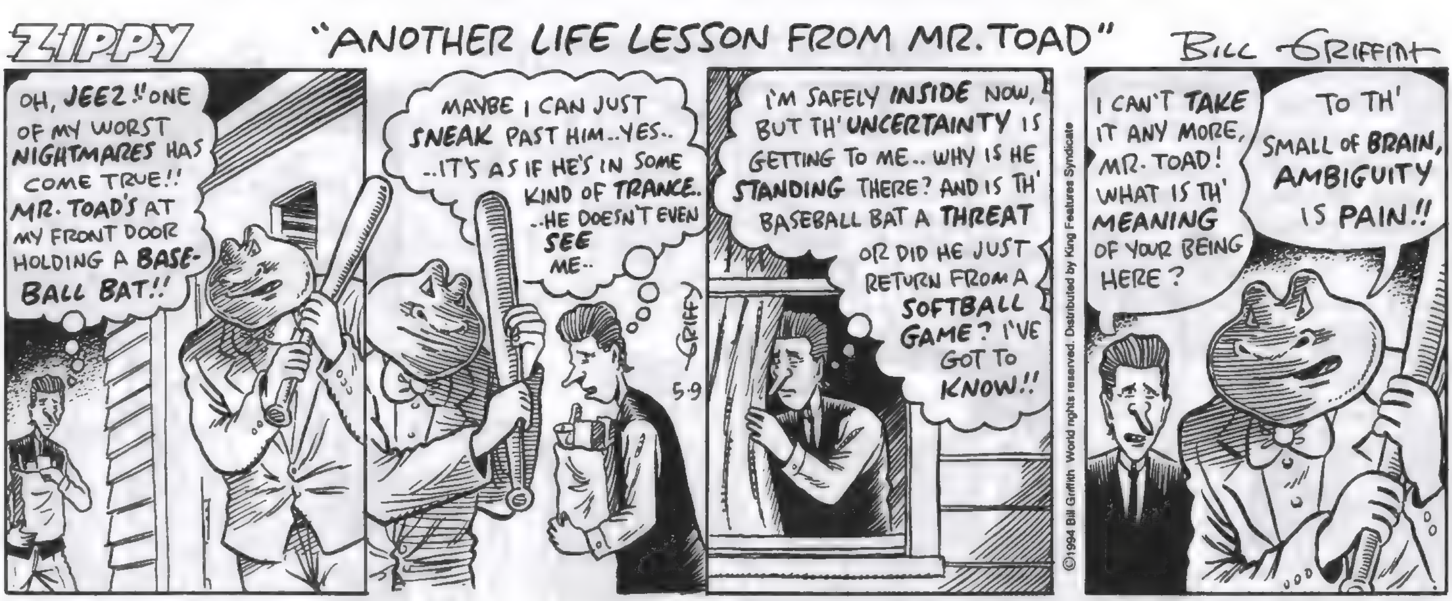
GRIFFY
ALMOST..I JUST GOT TH' WORD FROM MY INFORMED SOURCE IN TH' MOVIE INDUSTRY--- PENNY MARSHALL IS SET TO DIRECT TH' "BILKO MOVIE"!! *
SGT. ERNIE T. BILKO OF 50'S TV FAME, CONNIVING & CAJOLING ON TH' SILVER SCREEN?
5·7
* TRUE.
YES! TH' SILVER SCREEN! BUT WITHOUT PHIL SILVERS!! DON'T YOU SEE? IT'S UNTHINKABLE! IT'S AN ABOMINATION!! IT'S A BETRAYAL! A TREACHERY... IT'S.. ...IT'S..
...IT'S HOLLYWOOD!!


ZIPPY
"ANOTHER LIFE LESSON FROM MR. TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
OH, JEEZ!! ONE OF MY WORST NIGHTMARES HAS COME TRUE!! MR. TOAD'S AT MY FRONT DOOR HOLDING A BASEBALL BAT!!
MAYBE I CAN JUST SNEAK PAST HIM..YES.. ..IT'S AS IF HE'S IN SOME KIND OF TRANCE.. ..HE DOESN'T EVEN SEE ME..
GRIFFY
5·9
I'M SAFELY INSIDE NOW, BUT TH' UNCERTAINTY IS GETTING TO ME.. WHY IS HE STANDING THERE? AND IS TH' BASEBALL BAT A THREAT OR DID HE JUST RETURN FROM A SOFTBALL GAME? I'VE GOT TO KNOW!!
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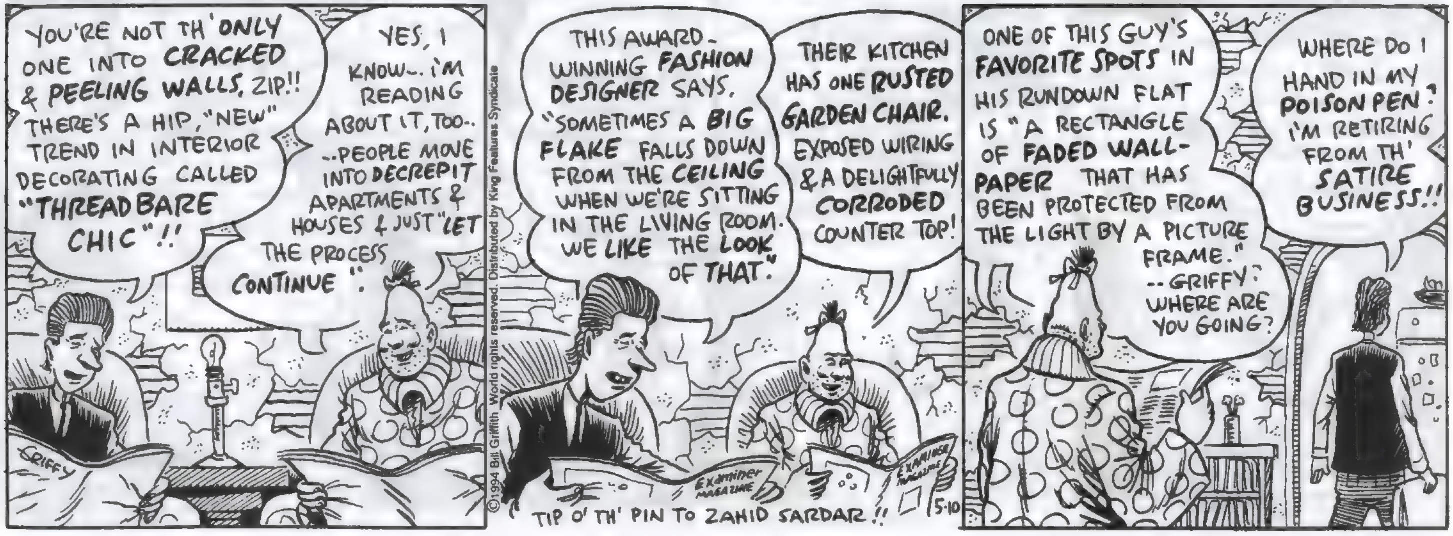
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE, MR. TOAD! WHAT IS TH' MEANING OF YOUR BEING HERE?
TO TH' SMALL OF BRAIN, AMBIGUITY IS PAIN!!

ZIPPY "NEGLECTIC TASTE" BILL GRIFFITH


YOU'RE NOT TH' ONLY ONE INTO CRACKED & PEELING WALLS, ZIP!! THERE'S A HIP, "NEW" TREND IN INTERIOR DECORATING CALLED "THREADBARE CHIC"!!
YES, I KNOW.. I'M READING ABOUT IT, TOO.. ..PEOPLE MOVE INTO DECREPIT APARTMENTS & HOUSES & JUST "LET THE PROCESS CONTINUE".
THIS AWARD-WINNING FASHION DESIGNER SAYS, "SOMETIMES A BIG FLAKE FALLS DOWN FROM THE CEILING WHEN WE'RE SITTING IN THE LIVING ROOM. WE LIKE THE LOOK OF THAT."
THEIR KITCHEN HAS ONE RUSTED GARDEN CHAIR. EXPOSED WIRING & A DELIGHTFULLY CORRODED COUNTER TOP!
ONE OF THIS GUY'S FAVORITE SPOTS IN HIS RUNDOWN FLAT IS "A RECTANGLE OF FADED WALLPAPER THAT HAS BEEN PROTECTED FROM THE LIGHT BY A PICTURE FRAME." --GRIFFY? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHERE DO I HAND IN MY POISON PEN? I'M RETIRING FROM TH' SATIRE BUSINESS!!
GRIFFY
Examiner MAGAZINE
EXAMINER MAGAZINE
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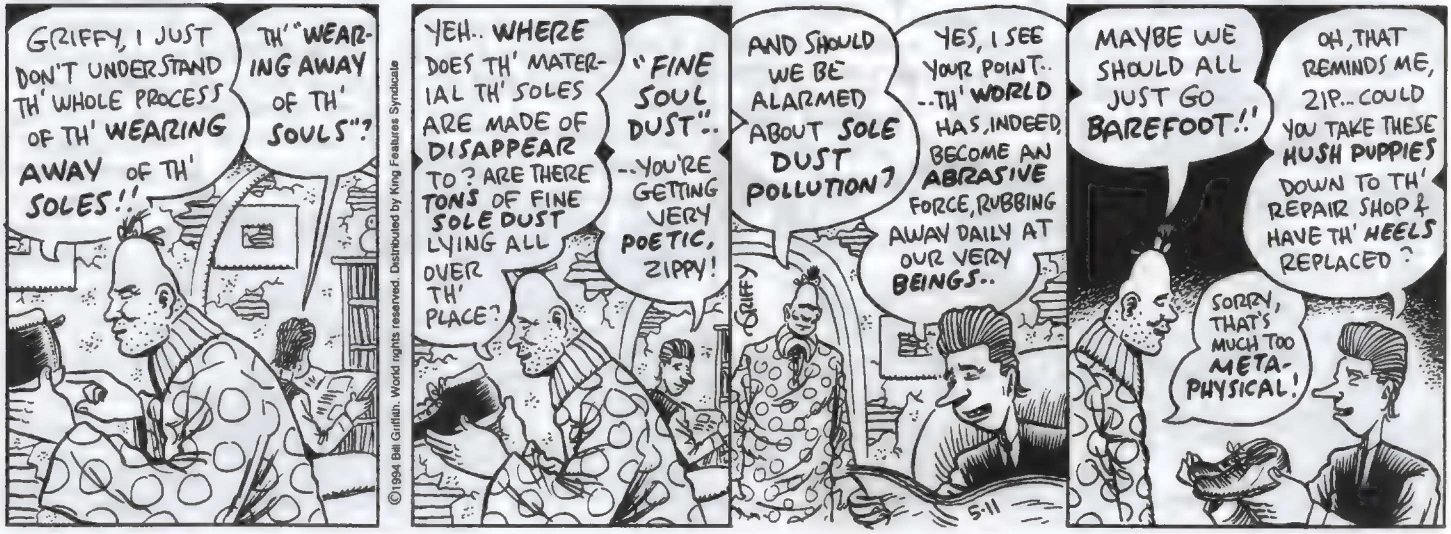
TIP O' TH' PIN TO ZAHID SARDAR!!
5-10

ZIPPY "SHOELESS AND CLUELESS" BILL GRIFFITH


GRIFFY, I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND TH' WHOLE PROCESS OF TH' WEARING AWAY OF TH' SOLES!!
TH' "WEARING AWAY OF TH' SOULS"?
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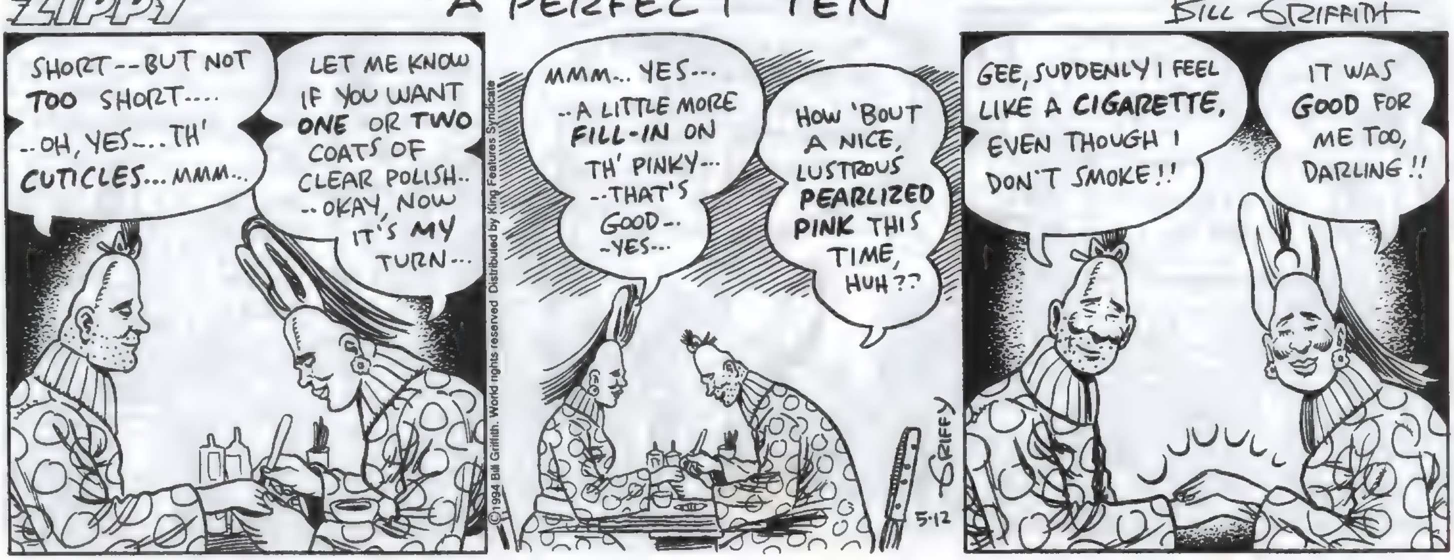
YEH.. WHERE DOES TH' MATERIAL TH' SOLES ARE MADE OF DISAPPEAR TO? ARE THERE TONS OF FINE SOLE DUST LYING ALL OVER TH' PLACE?
"FINE SOUL DUST".. --YOU'RE GETTING VERY POETIC, ZIPPY!
AND SHOULD WE BE ALARMED ABOUT SOLE DUST POLLUTION?
YES, I SEE YOUR POINT.. --TH' WORLD HAS, INDEED, BECOME AN ABRASIVE FORCE, RUBBING AWAY DAILY AT OUR VERY BEINGS..
GRIFFY
5-11
MAYBE WE SHOULD ALL JUST GO BAREFOOT!!
OH, THAT REMINDS ME, ZIP.. COULD YOU TAKE THESE HUSH PUPPIES DOWN TO TH' REPAIR SHOP & HAVE TH' HEELS REPLACED?
SORRY, THAT'S MUCH TOO META-PHYSICAL!

ZIPPY "A PERFECT TEN" BILL GRIFFITH


SHORT--BUT NOT TOO SHORT.... ..OH, YES....TH' CUTICLES...MMM...
LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT ONE OR TWO COATS OF CLEAR POLISH.. --OKAY, NOW IT'S MY TURN...
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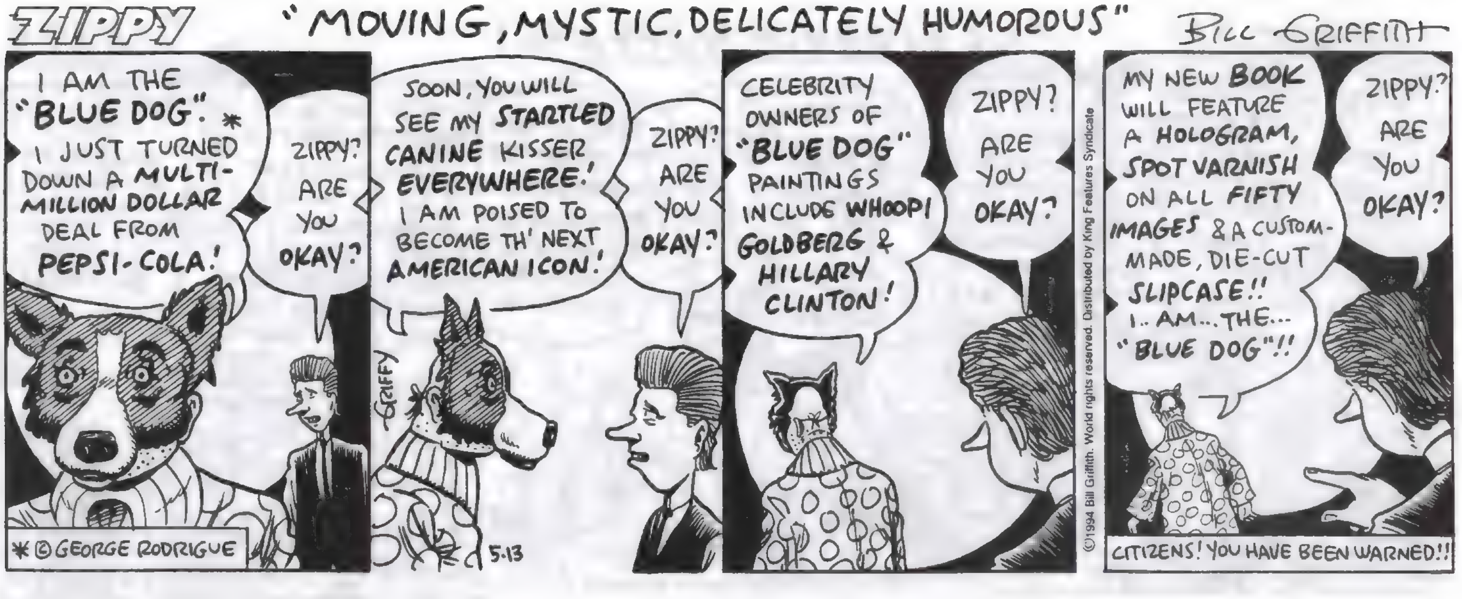
MMM... YES--- --A LITTLE MORE FILL-IN ON TH' PINKY... --THAT'S GOOD-- -YES...
HOW 'BOUT A NICE, LUSTROUS PEARLIZED PINK THIS TIME, HUH??
GRIFFY
5-12
GEE, SUDDENLY I FEEL LIKE A CIGARETTE, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SMOKE!!
IT WAS GOOD FOR ME TOO, DARLING!!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"MOVING, MYSTIC, DELICATELY HUMOROUS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I AM THE "BLUE DOG". * I JUST TURNED DOWN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR DEAL FROM PEPSI-COLA!
ZIPPY? ARE YOU OKAY?
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SOON, YOU WILL SEE MY STARTLED CANINE KISSER EVERYWHERE! I AM POISED TO BECOME TH' NEXT AMERICAN ICON!
ZIPPY? ARE YOU OKAY?
GRIFFY
5-13
CELEBRITY OWNERS OF "BLUE DOG" PAINTINGS INCLUDE WHOOPI GOLDBERG & HILLARY CLINTON!
ZIPPY? ARE YOU OKAY?
MY NEW BOOK WILL FEATURE A HOLOGRAM, SPOT VARNISH ON ALL FIFTY IMAGES & A CUSTOM-MADE, DIE-CUT SLIPCASE!! I.. AM... THE... "BLUE DOG"!!
ZIPPY? ARE YOU OKAY?
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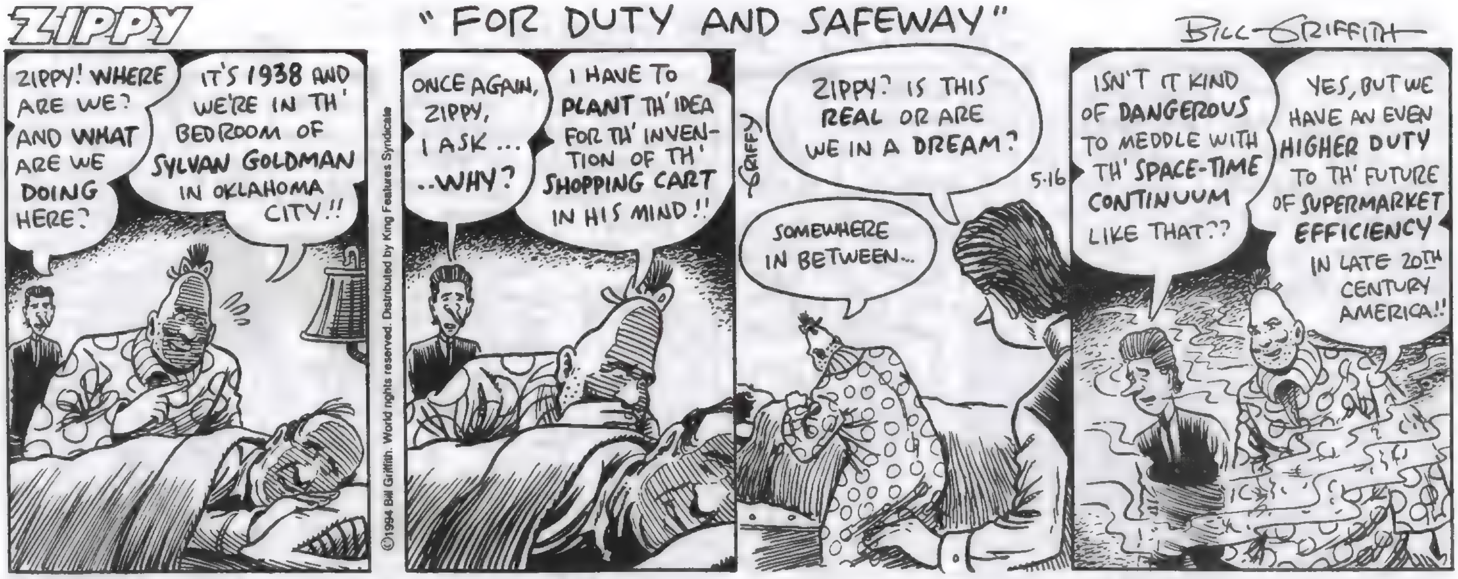
CITIZENS! YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!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"FOR DUTY AND SAFEWAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! WHERE ARE WE? AND WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
IT'S 1938 AND WE'RE IN TH' BEDROOM OF SYLVAN GOLDMAN IN OKLAHOMA CITY!!
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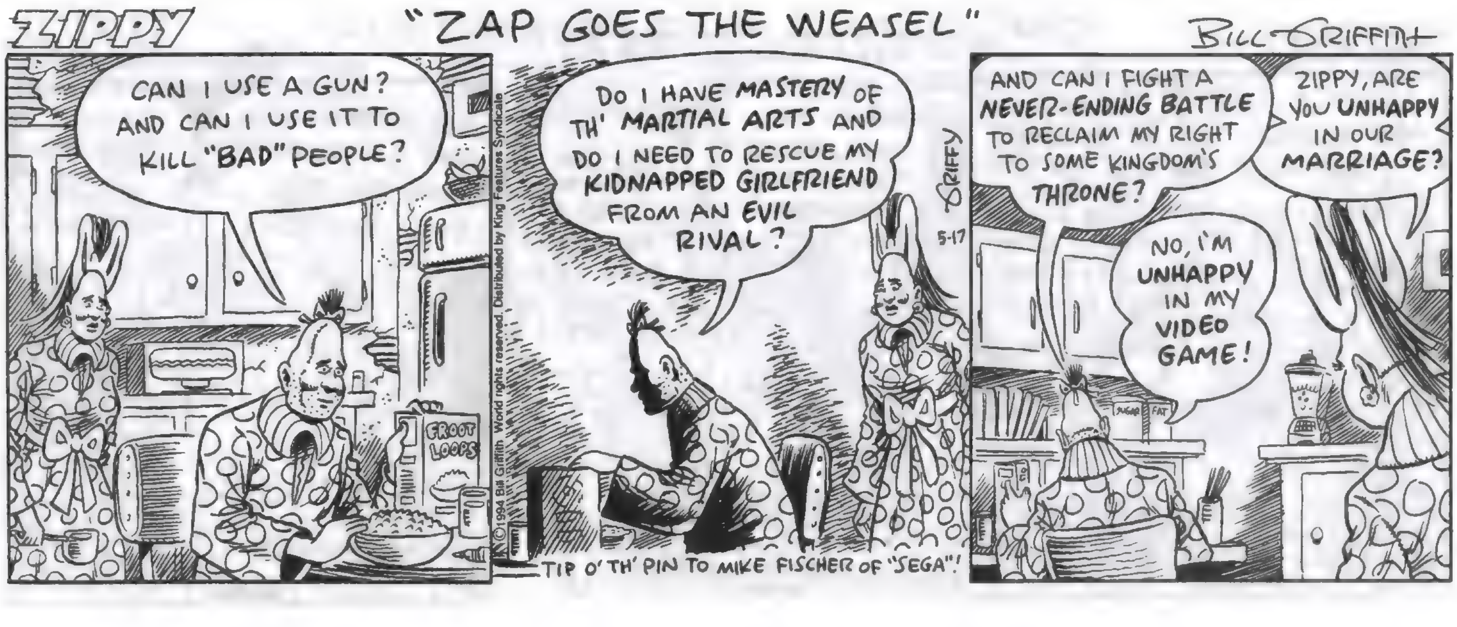
ONCE AGAIN, ZIPPY, I ASK... ..WHY?
I HAVE TO PLANT TH' IDEA FOR TH' INVENTION OF TH' SHOPPING CART IN HIS MIND!!
GRIFFY
ZIPPY? IS THIS REAL OR ARE WE IN A DREAM?
5-16
SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN...
ISN'T IT KIND OF DANGEROUS TO MEDDLE WITH TH' SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM LIKE THAT??
YES, BUT WE HAVE AN EVEN HIGHER DUTY TO TH' FUTURE OF SUPERMARKET EFFICIENCY IN LATE 20TH CENTURY AMERICA!!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"ZAP GOES THE WEASEL"
BILL GRIFFITH
CAN I USE A GUN? AND CAN I USE IT TO KILL "BAD" PEOPLE?
FROOT LOOPS
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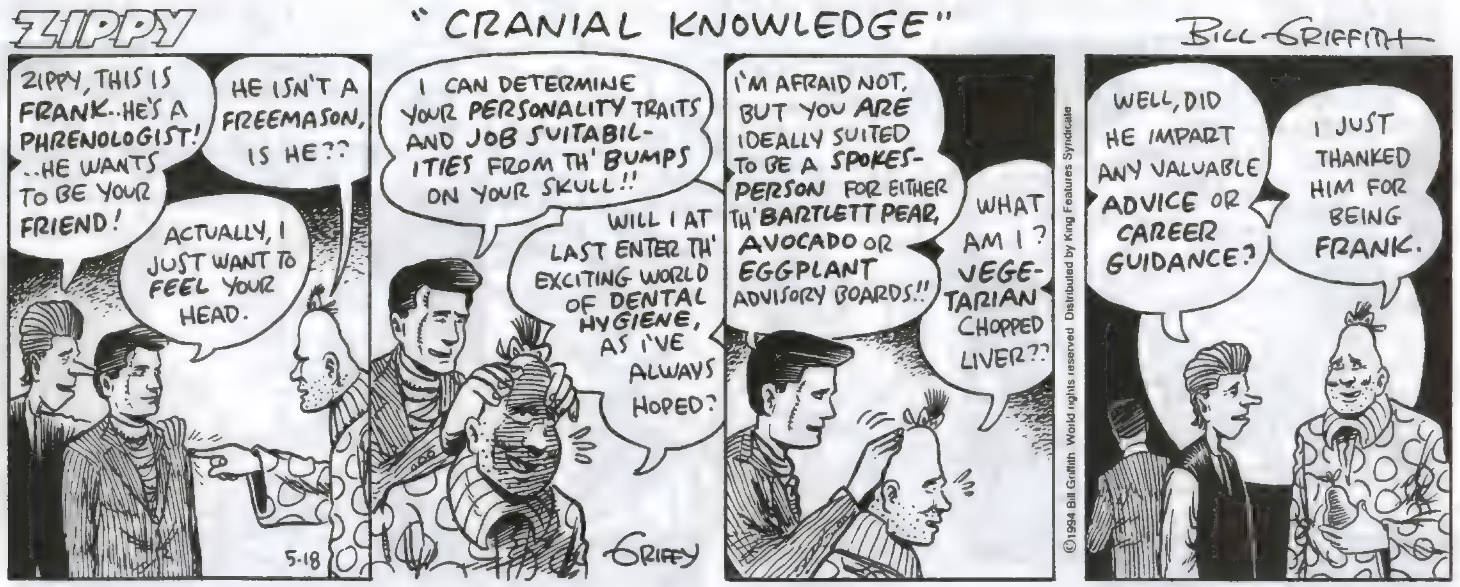
DO I HAVE MASTERY OF TH' MARTIAL ARTS AND DO I NEED TO RESCUE MY KIDNAPPED GIRLFRIEND FROM AN EVIL RIVAL?
GRIFFY
5-17
AND CAN I FIGHT A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE TO RECLAIM MY RIGHT TO SOME KINGDOM'S THRONE?
ZIPPY, ARE YOU UNHAPPY IN OUR MARRIAGE?
NO, I'M UNHAPPY IN MY VIDEO GAME!
SUGAR
FAT
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MIKE FISCHER OF "SEGA"!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"CRANIAL KNOWLEDGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, THIS IS FRANK..HE'S A PHRENOLOGIST! ..HE WANTS TO BE YOUR FRIEND!
HE ISN'T A FREEMASON, IS HE??
ACTUALLY, I JUST WANT TO FEEL YOUR HEAD.
5·18
I CAN DETERMINE YOUR PERSONALITY TRAITS AND JOB SUITABILITIES FROM TH' BUMPS ON YOUR SKULL!!
WILL I AT LAST ENTER TH' EXCITING WORLD OF DENTAL HYGIENE, AS I'VE ALWAYS HOPED?
GRIFFY
I'M AFRAID NOT. BUT YOU ARE IDEALLY SUITED TO BE A SPOKESPERSON FOR EITHER TH' BARTLETT PEAR, AVOCADO OR EGGPLANT ADVISORY BOARDS!!
WHAT AM I? VEGETARIAN CHOPPED LIVER??
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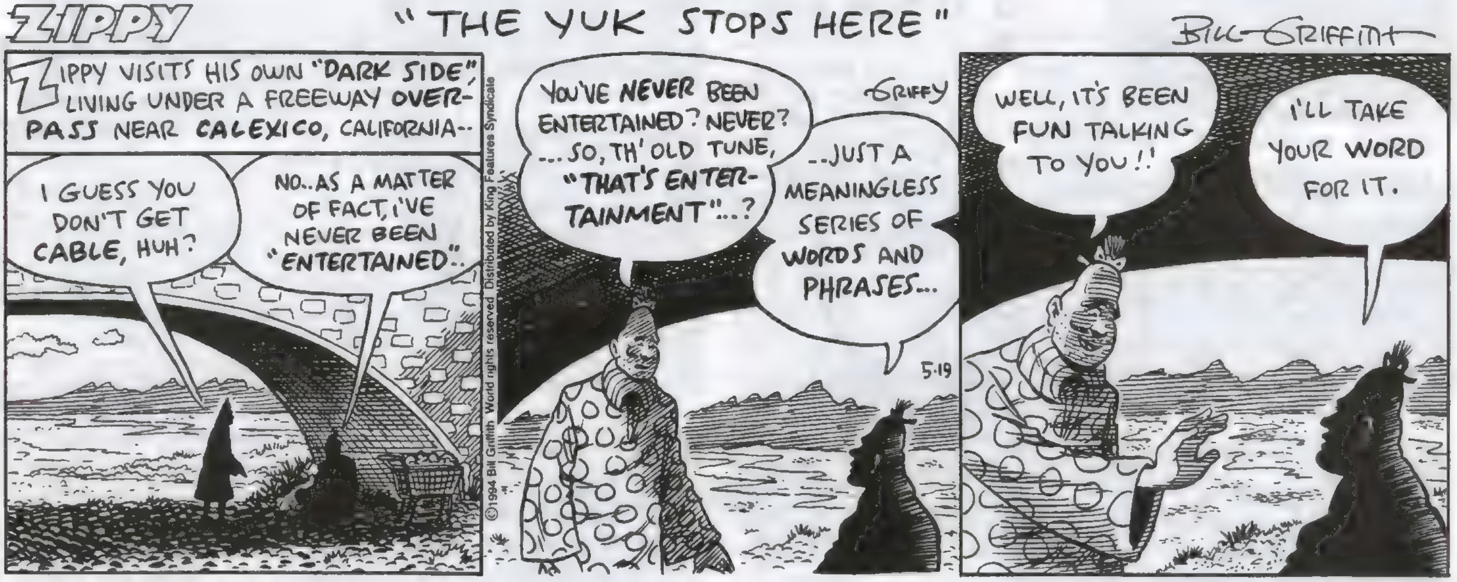
WELL, DID HE IMPART ANY VALUABLE ADVICE OR CAREER GUIDANCE?
I JUST THANKED HIM FOR BEING FRANK.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"THE YUK STOPS HERE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY VISITS HIS OWN "DARK SIDE", LIVING UNDER A FREEWAY OVERPASS NEAR CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA--
I GUESS YOU DON'T GET CABLE, HUH?
NO..AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE NEVER BEEN "ENTERTAINED"..
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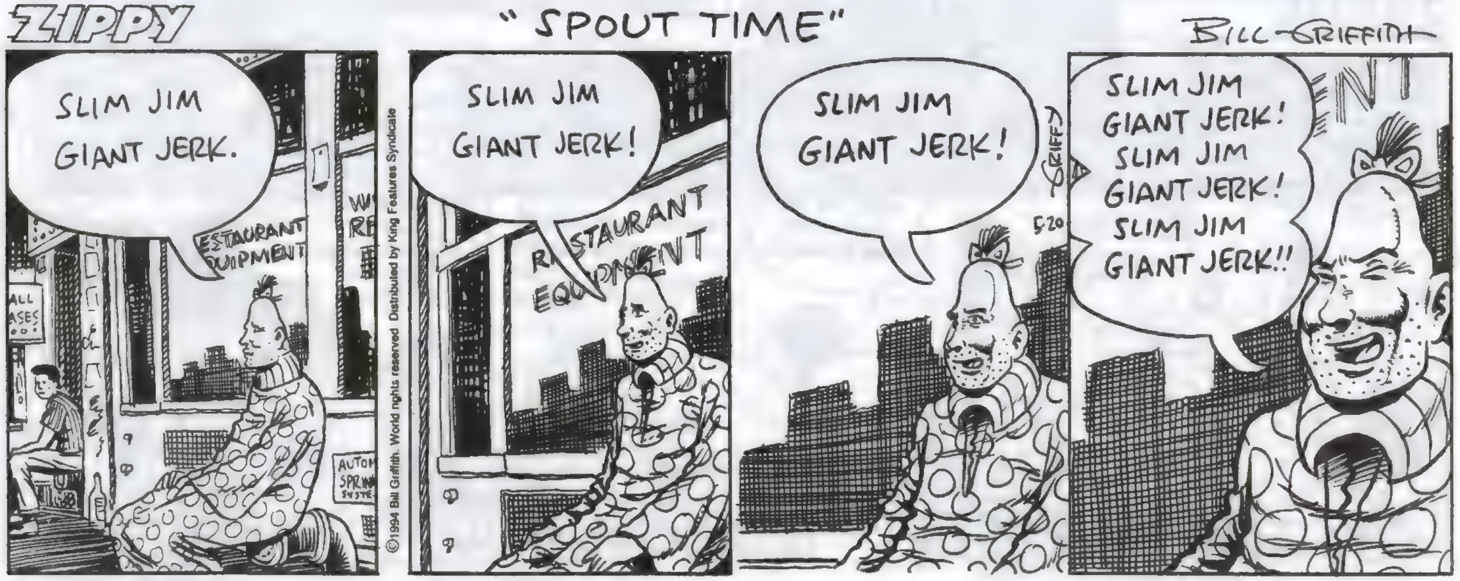
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ENTERTAINED? NEVER? ...SO, TH' OLD TUNE, "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT"...?
GRIFFY
--JUST A MEANINGLESS SERIES OF WORDS AND PHRASES...
5·19
WELL, IT'S BEEN FUN TALKING TO YOU!!
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT.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"SPOUT TIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
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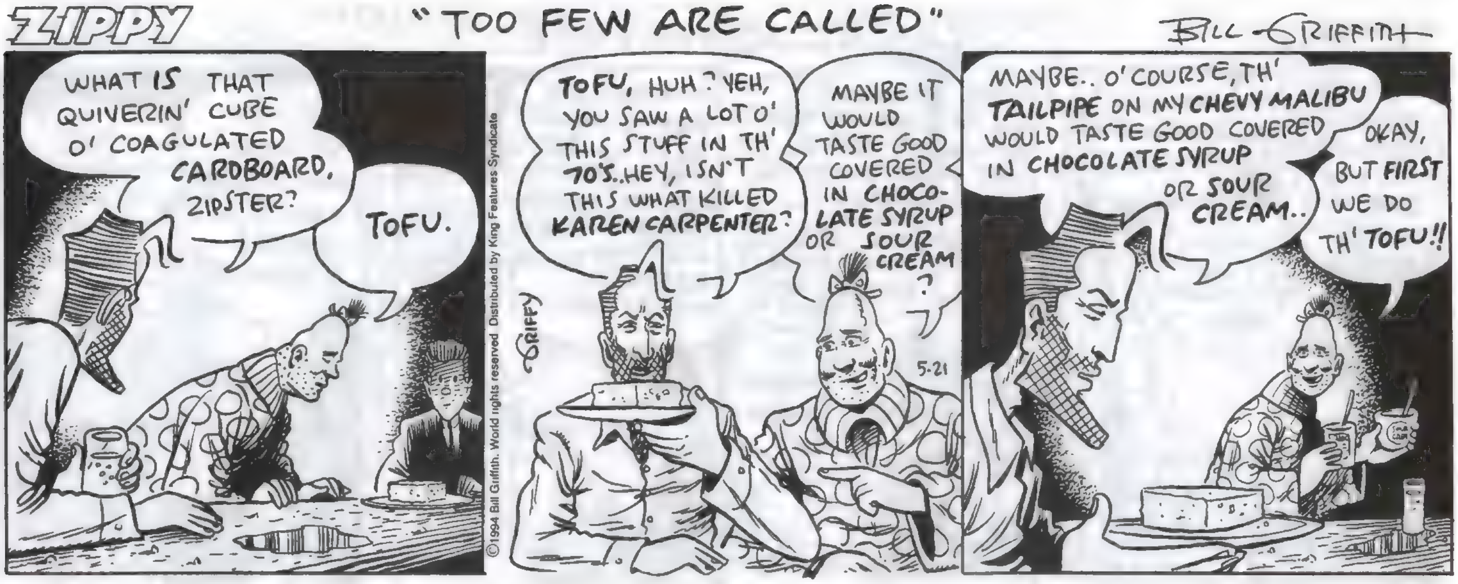
SLIM JIM GIANT JERK! SLIM JIM GIANT JERK! SLIM JIM GIANT JERK!!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"TOO FEW ARE CALLED"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS THAT QUIVERIN' CUBE O' COAGULATED CARDBOARD, ZIPSTER?
TOFU.
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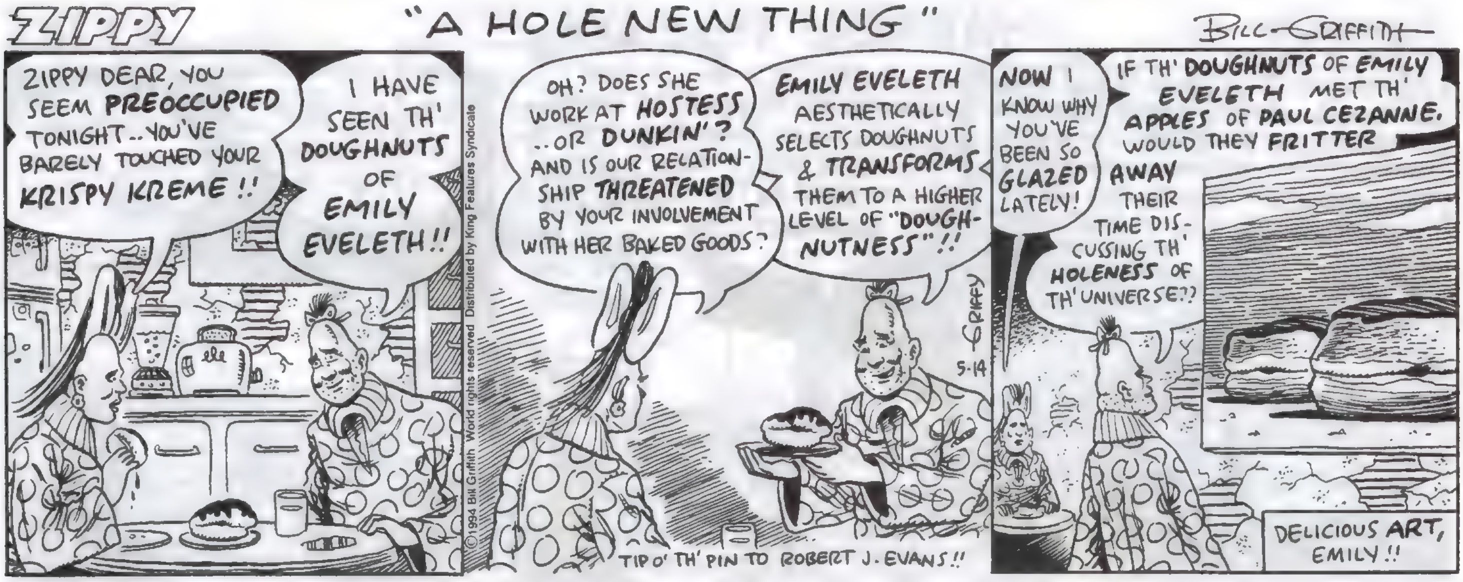
TOFU, HUH? YEH, YOU SAW A LOT O' THIS STUFF IN TH' 70'S..HEY, ISN'T THIS WHAT KILLED KAREN CARPENTER?
MAYBE IT WOULD TASTE GOOD COVERED IN CHOCOLATE SYRUP OR SOUR CREAM?
GRIFFY
5-21
MAYBE.. O' COURSE, TH' TAILPIPE ON MY CHEVY MALIBU WOULD TASTE GOOD COVERED IN CHOCOLATE SYRUP OR SOUR CREAM..
OKAY, BUT FIRST WE DO TH' TOFU!!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"A HOLE NEW THING"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY DEAR, YOU SEEM PREOCCUPIED TONIGHT.. YOU'VE BARELY TOUCHED YOUR KRISPY KREME!!
I HAVE SEEN TH' DOUGHNUTS OF EMILY EVELETH!!
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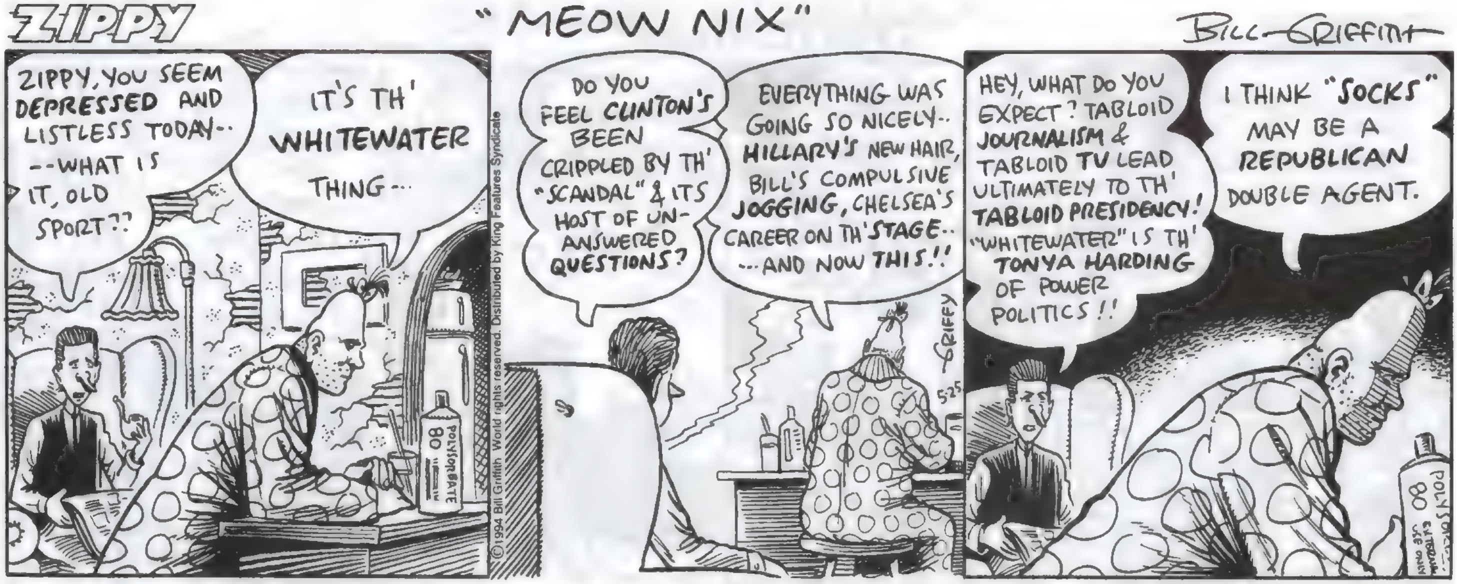
OH? DOES SHE WORK AT HOSTESS ..OR DUNKIN'? AND IS OUR RELATIONSHIP THREATENED BY YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH HER BAKED GOODS?
EMILY EVELETH AESTHETICALLY SELECTS DOUGHNUTS & TRANSFORMS THEM TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF "DOUGHNUTNESS"!!
GRIFFY
5-14
TIP O' TH' PIN TO ROBERT J. EVANS!!
NOW I KNOW WHY YOU'VE BEEN SO GLAZED LATELY!
IF TH' DOUGHNUTS OF EMILY EVELETH MET TH' APPLES OF PAUL CEZANNE, WOULD THEY FRITTER AWAY THEIR TIME DISCUSSING TH' HOLENESS OF TH' UNIVERSE??
DELICIOUS ART, EMILY!!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"MEOW NIX"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOU SEEM DEPRESSED AND LISTLESS TODAY.. --WHAT IS IT, OLD SPORT??
IT'S TH' WHITEWATER THING...
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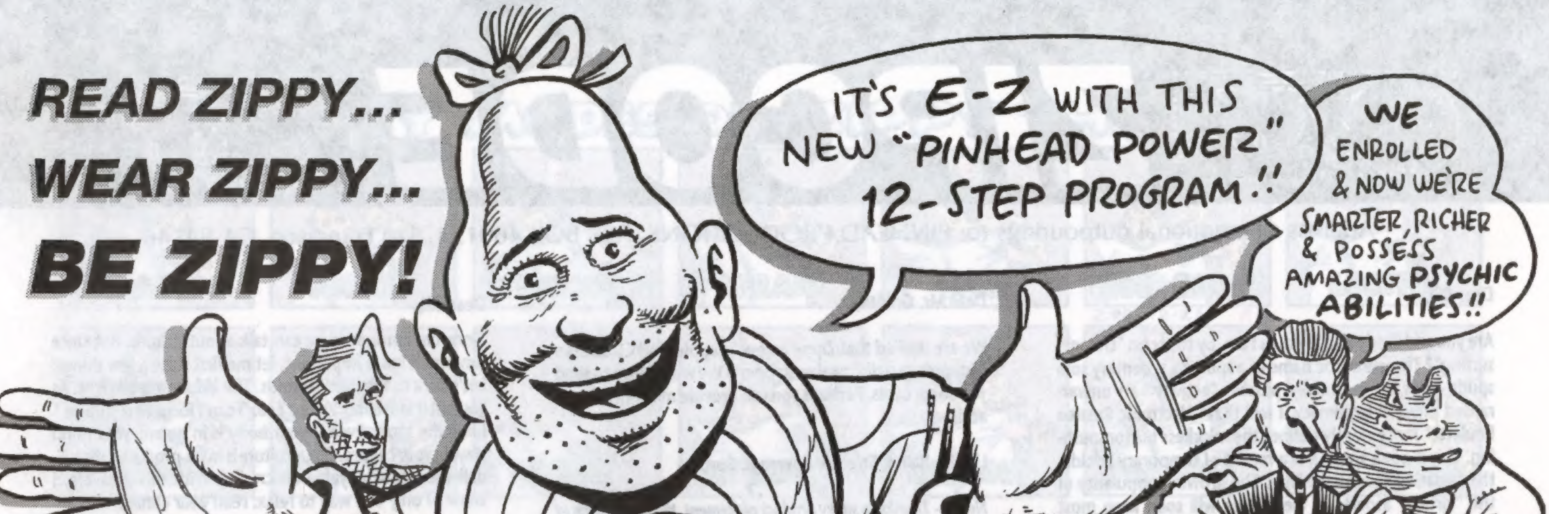
DO YOU FEEL CLINTON'S BEEN CRIPPLED BY TH' "SCANDAL" & ITS HOST OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS?
EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO NICELY.. HILLARY'S NEW HAIR, BILL'S COMPULSIVE JOGGING, CHELSEA'S CAREER ON TH' STAGE.. ...AND NOW THIS!!
GRIFFY
5-25
HEY, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? TABLOID JOURNALISM & TABLOID TV LEAD ULTIMATELY TO TH' TABLOID PRESIDENCY! "WHITEWATER" IS TH' TONYA HARDING OF POWER POLITICS!!
I THINK "SOCKS" MAY BE A REPUBLICAN DOUBLE AGENT.
POLYSORBATE 80

READ ZIPPY...
WEAR ZIPPY...
BE ZIPPY!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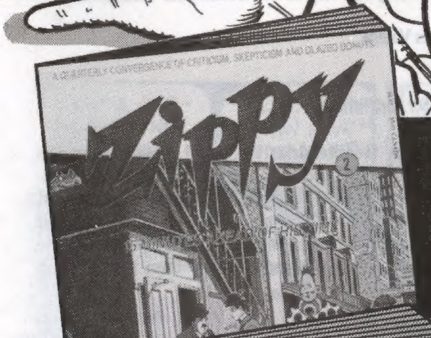
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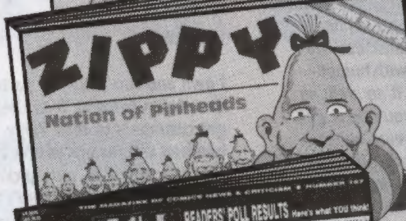
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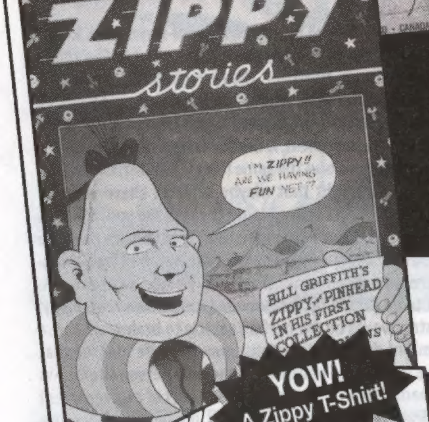
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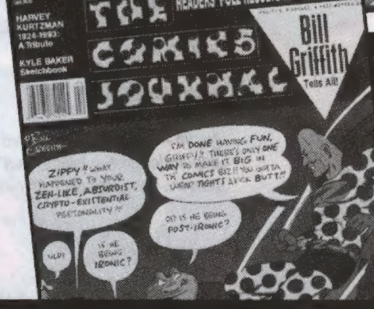
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I'M DONE HAVING FUN, GRIFFY!! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE IT BIG IN TH' COMICS BIZ!! YOU GOTTA WEAR TIGHTS 'N' KICK BUTT!!
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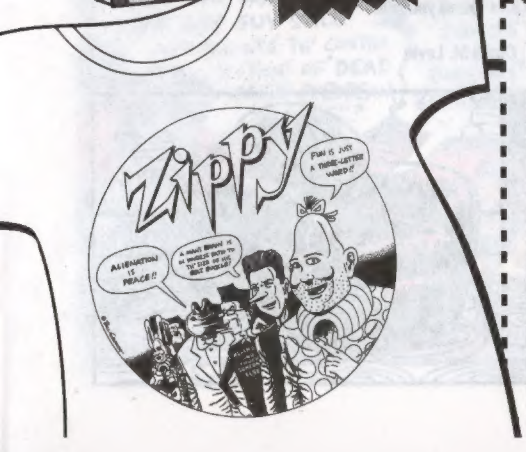
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Dear Bill,

Are you and Zippy bothered, as I am, by the term "channel surfing"? The use of the name of a sport by sedentary sofa spuds gives an essentially passive "activity" an unwarranted physical legitimacy. I feel that "Electronic Russian Roulette" more closely defines the mindless button-pushing. This is not a sport, it is a means of temporary suicide, the cessation of brain activity. The growing popularity of the "virtual" aspects of electro-life will soon keep most people in their Home Entertainment Centers and out of libraries, bookstores, parks, beaches, circuses, carnivals, etc., — why chance running into something which may smell funny when you can stay safely at home plugged into your wall? I'm scared, Griffy, of this new devolution, this mellowing through electron bombardment.

Jeremy Conn

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

Thank you for persisting so doggedly in a medium that (I thought) eventually crushes ingenuity, subversiveness, originality and absurdity when it appears. I can't believe I see Zippy next to such drek, such pap as *Garfield* and *That's Jake.* How can you stand the pungency of such irony? It's like poly-bagging Sartre or Lao-tzu and stuffing them in a box of *X-men* and *Punishers*! I know you draw strength from irony, because Zippy himself is proof. You have your finger on the pulse of America's dank, surreal subconscious! This is itself so hard to do, and yet you even do it with humor — amazing! And the clincher is that you do it so well, so memorably, and for so long. I thought you'd just get incredibly bitter and unfathomable as the years went by, but (to use a reliable cliché) you're like a fine wine that gets better and more treasured each year. Nebraska was a cultural desert until I found the *Zippy Quarterly.*

Christian A. Carvalho

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Dear Bill Griffith,

As a 911 dispatcher, I appreciate your efforts at exposing and abating the rampant dirtball problem in this country. I'll be renewing my sub to *Zippy Quarterly.* It really brought a smile to my lips when I got home recently from a particularly dirtbally night at the phone and radio consoles, to be met at the door by my three-year-old son bringing me my crisp, new copy of the latest *ZQ.* Keep up the good work.

Jaime Haas

•

Dear Zippy,

I thought you'd like to know about a kinsman of yours lying over the ocean. His name is Wakabaka-san. He is short with a flattish head. He has seen every single Sylvester Stallone and Clint Eastwood movie three times. He changes into a plastic body suit on Sundays and drives up and down the nearby mountains. If you visit him, Zippy, bring your own helmet. But you'd probably feel more comfy in Baltimore. You can join me for travels in Western Maryland during illegal bear season. I'm thinking of doing a Connie Chung-type undercover exposé about how bear paws get off the bear and into Korean aphrodisiacs.

Pierce Griggs

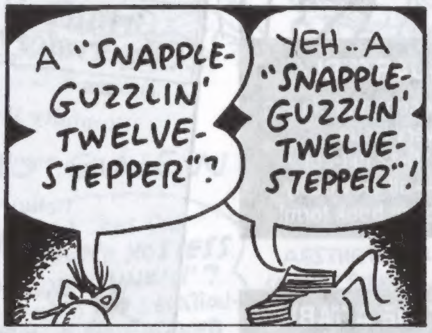
Pierce— Zippy says he'd be glad to come along. He has only one requirement: Connie has to be there, too, in a plastic body suit. -BG

Dear Mr. Griffith,

We are thrilled that Zippy enjoys Snapple, and Claude is a "Snapple-guzzlin' twelve stepper"! We would love to send you some cases. Perhaps you can provide me with a street address.

Lisa M. Ballas, Snapple Beverage Corp.

Note— Thanks to savvy product placement, the back porch at Pinhead Productions is now groaning under the weight of six cases of Pink Lemonade. Next, we're going for the Miata. -BG


A "SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER"?
YEH.. A "SNAPPLE-GUZZLIN' TWELVE-STEPPER"!

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Dear Bill,

I own and run (with my partner Steve) a comic store in downtown Toronto. Over the past two years, I've tried to get customers to read *Zippy.* The results? For every one hundred and seventy people I show *Zippy* to, roughly one likes it enough to start picking it up. The others have complaints such as, "Where's the color?", "I don't get it", "I do get it but I don't like the way it makes me question reality", etc. There are people like me, out in the trenches, pulling for you.

Noam Rosen

Noam — One in one hundred and seventy? With the world population at five billion, that's 85,000.000 potential Zippy *readers. I've gotta get better distribution. -BG*

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

You are up there with *Doonesbury, The Simpsons, Life in Hell, Saturday Night Live* and *David Letterman. Beavis and Butt-Head* are dangerous competition! You must neutralize them!

Andrei M. Plotnicov

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Dear Mister Griffy,

Just a note of appreciation for yer quarterly 'zine. You work too hard, mon ami. I think it's just not '90s enuf to work so fuckin' hard. Of course, you may have no choice in the matter, being an heir to the white Northern European work ethic. P-U, says moi, work sucks, better to be a bum or Zippy. (What me fiction?) ... I really enjoy your toons. It's a blessing to read them on a cold, gray Minnesota morn (wind sounds). The one 'bout Zippy fucking Sharon Stone in his virtual reality headset was yummy. I'm so pleased older wimmin are in fashion, aren't you?

Frank Gaard

Dear Bill,

Since I'm European, we can talk about culture. But since America is more important, let me first state a few things: Let's stick to the hard factoids. The kidults are all right. As you put it in *Weirdo/Verre d'Eau:* "I can't forget my culture." I feel the same. Even if your body is in *nature,* your mind stays in your culture. (Your culture is mass-produced stimuli, delivered now, payable on credit.) With this problem, I know of only one way to relax: read your comics.

Thomas Valere

Dear Mr. Griffith,

One of my favorite strips is *Zippy.* I should expect the occurrence of "?!" and "!?" and even "!!!" but the exclamation points seem a tad overdone. On the average, the past month has seen 68 exclamation points in the strip per week, 70% of which were in pairs or triples. Remember, the quiet voice often has more to say than the shouting multitudes.

Mark Neeley

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Re: Zippy,

Your latest story ("Long Island Confidential," *ZQ #6*) was already done as a play four hundred years ago. Although I like Petruchio as a happy-go-lucky rascal in the original story, I find Claude depressing.

Gerald L. Field

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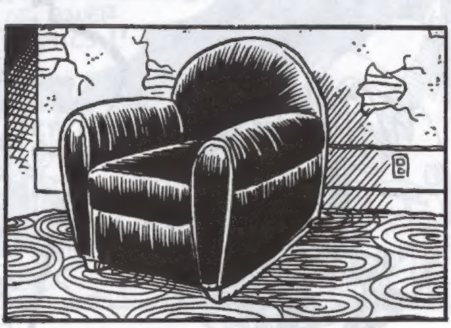
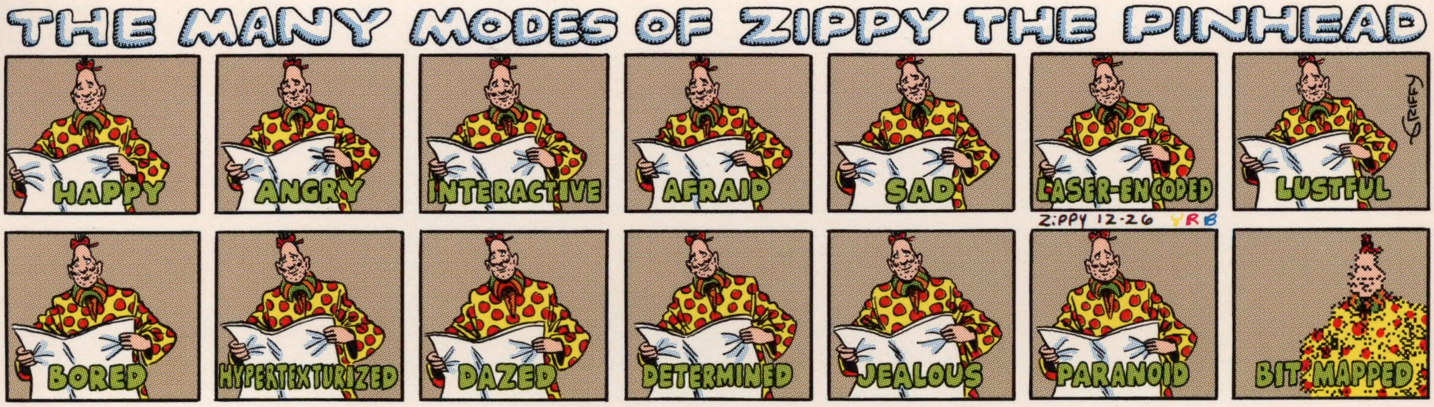
Dear Mr. Griffith,

Ten years ago, I came up with a TV mini-series idea. In this story, hundreds of thousands of aliens shaped like chairs invade the Earth. However, they overestimate the observant nature of humans who actually think they *are* chairs. The aliens' plans to subjugate human beings is thwarted when people sit on them. A decade later, I was surprised to see a *Zippy* strip along the same lines ("Yes, Mr. Chairman, 7/16/93). I thought that maybe after all these years of reading your strip I'm beginning to think like you. It was at this point that I came to understand that you are part of a government conspiracy to control the minds of free-thinking, creative Americans. Since the people who are too smart to be duped by the powers-that-be also read *Zippy,* your strip would be the perfect vehicle to brainwash those who might threaten the status quo. My wife told me that this is a stupid idea because I'm the only person she knows who reads *Zippy.* I now realize you're part of a government conspiracy to control *my* mind. Well, it won't work because I've found you out.

David M. Levin




THE MANY MODES OF ZIPPY THE PINHEAD
HAPPY
ANGRY
INTERACTIVE
AFRAID
SAD
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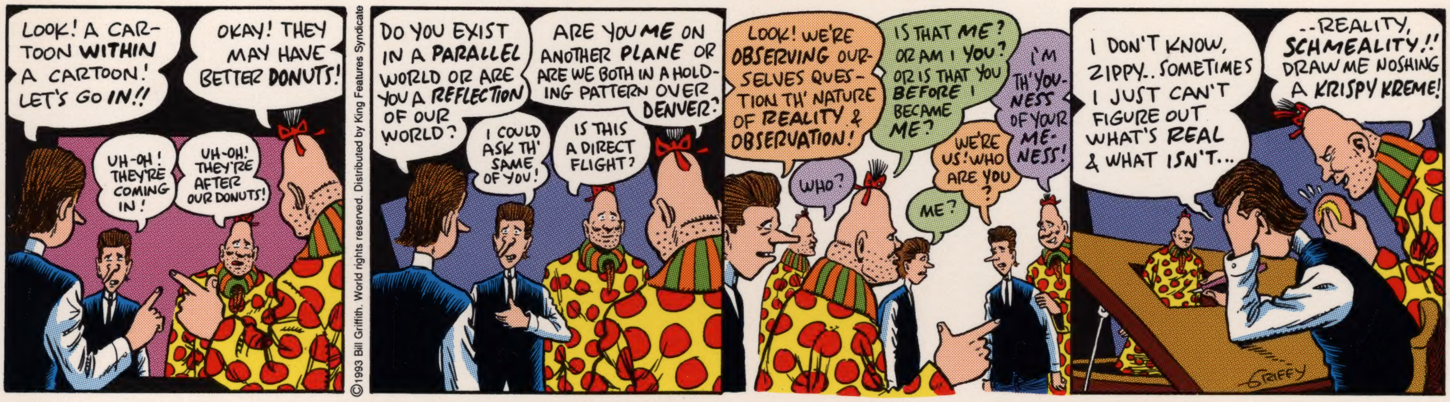
LOOK! A CARTOON WITHIN A CARTOON! LET'S GO IN!!
OKAY! THEY MAY HAVE BETTER DONUTS!
UH-OH! THEY'RE COMING IN!
UH-OH! THEY'RE AFTER OUR DONUTS!
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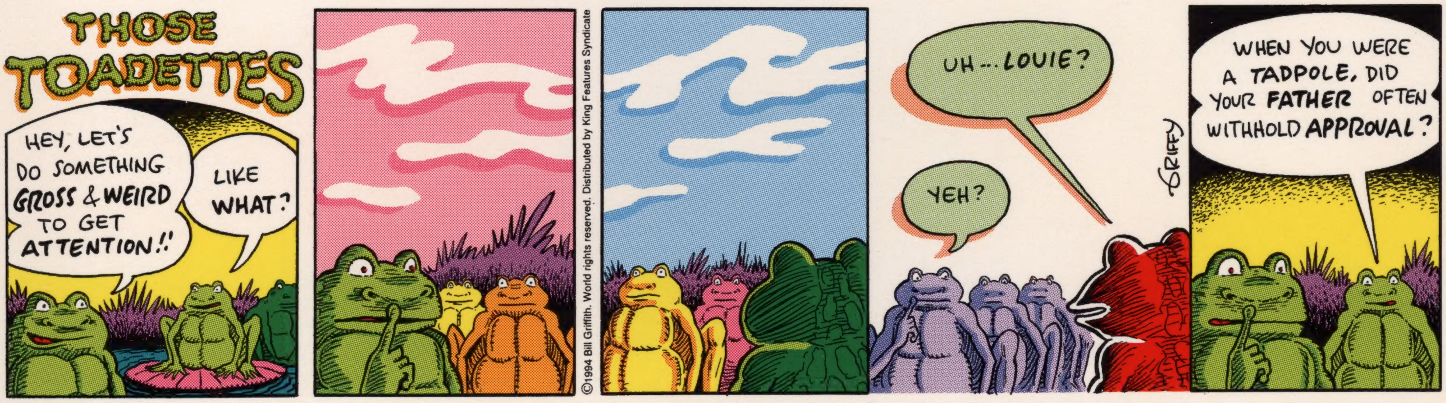
DO YOU EXIST IN A PARALLEL WORLD OR ARE YOU A REFLECTION OF OUR WORLD?
ARE YOU ME ON ANOTHER PLANE OR ARE WE BOTH IN A HOLDING PATTERN OVER DENVER?
I COULD ASK TH' SAME OF YOU!
IS THIS A DIRECT FLIGHT?
LOOK! WE'RE OBSERVING OURSELVES QUESTION TH' NATURE OF REALITY & OBSERVATION!
IS THAT ME? OR AM I YOU? OR IS THAT YOU BEFORE I BECAME ME?
I'M TH' YOUNESS OF YOUR MENESS!
WHO?
WE'RE US! WHO ARE YOU?
ME?
I DON'T KNOW, ZIPPY.. SOMETIMES I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S REAL & WHAT ISN'T...
--REALITY, SCHMEALITY!! DRAW ME NOSHING A KRISPY KREME!
GRIFFY


THOSE TOADETTES
HEY, LET'S DO SOMETHING GROSS & WEIRD TO GET ATTENTION!!
LIKE WHAT?
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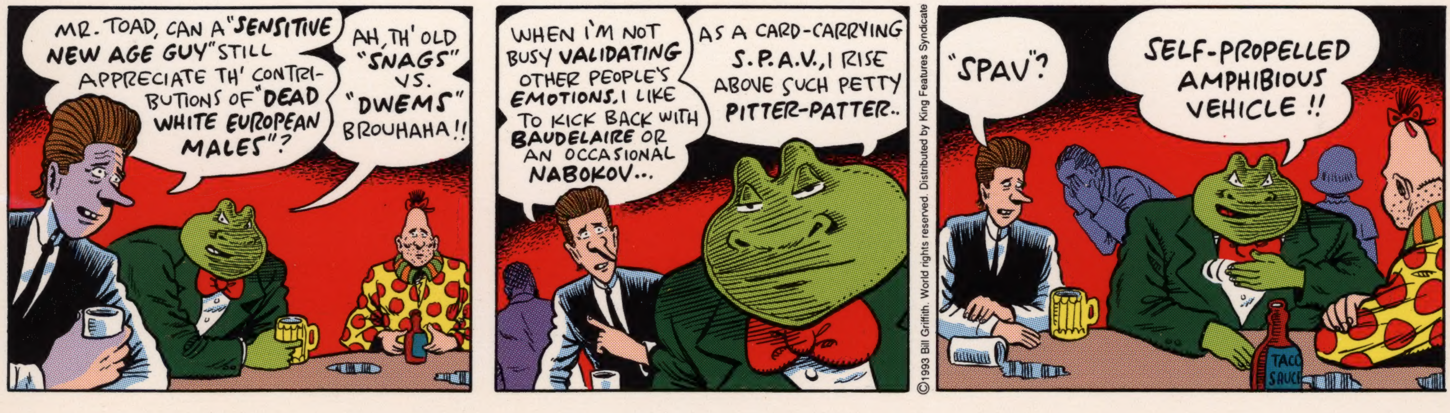
UH... LOUIE?
YEH?
GRIFFY
WHEN YOU WERE A TADPOLE, DID YOUR FATHER OFTEN WITHHOLD APPROVAL?


MR. TOAD, CAN A "SENSITIVE NEW AGE GUY" STILL APPRECIATE TH' CONTRIBUTIONS OF "DEAD WHITE EUROPEAN MALES"?
AH, TH' OLD "SNAGS" VS. "DWEMS" BROUHAHA!!
WHEN I'M NOT BUSY VALIDATING OTHER PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS, I LIKE TO KICK BACK WITH BAUDELAIRE OR AN OCCASIONAL NABOKOV...
AS A CARD-CARRYING S.P.A.V., I RISE ABOVE SUCH PETTY PITTER-PATTER..
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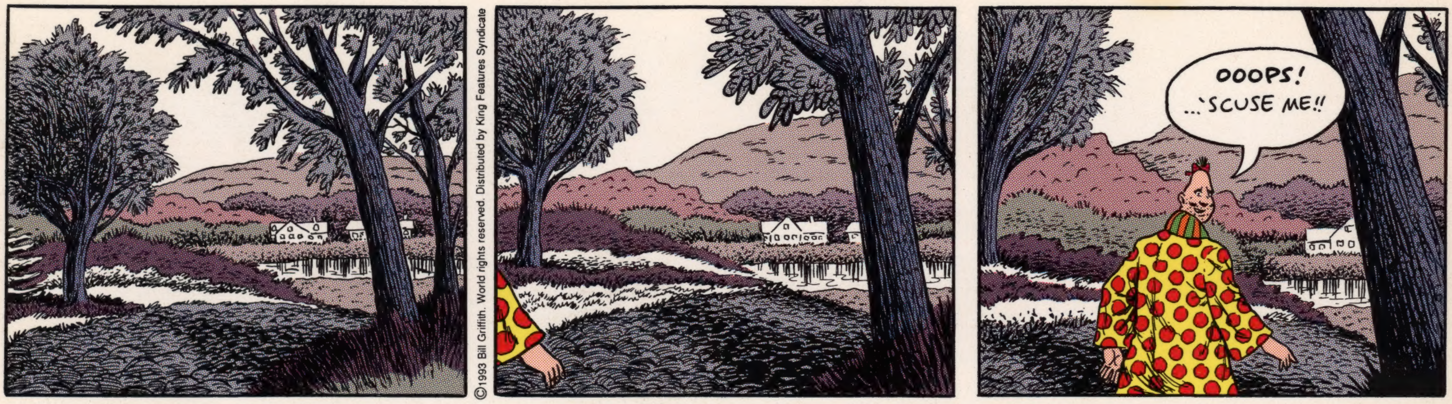
"SPAV"?
SELF-PROPELLED AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE!!
TACO SAUCE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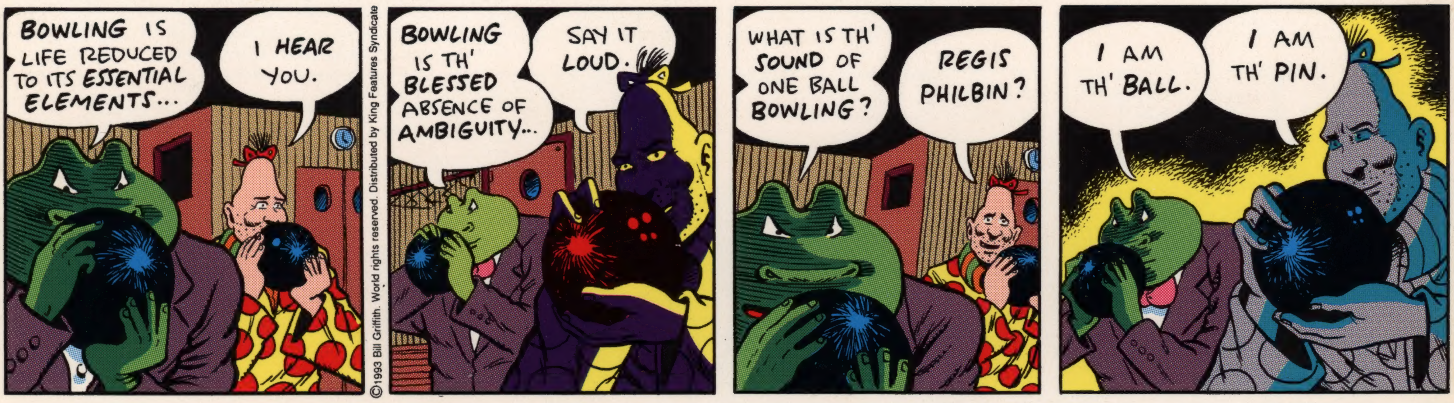
OOOPS! ...'SCUSE ME!!


BOWLING IS LIFE REDUCED TO ITS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS...
I HEAR YOU.
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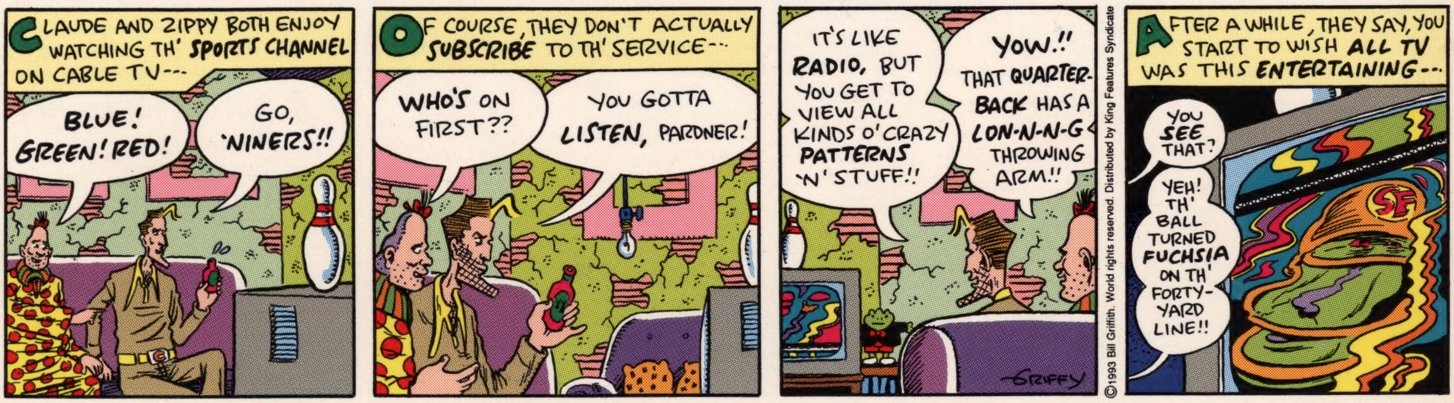
BOWLING IS TH' BLESSED ABSENCE OF AMBIGUITY..
SAY IT LOUD.
WHAT IS TH' SOUND OF ONE BALL BOWLING?
REGIS PHILBIN?
I AM TH' BALL.
I AM TH' PIN.


CLAUDE AND ZIPPY BOTH ENJOY WATCHING TH' SPORTS CHANNEL ON CABLE TV---
BLUE! GREEN! RED!
GO, 'NINERS!!
OF COURSE, THEY DON'T ACTUALLY SUBSCRIBE TO TH' SERVICE--
WHO'S ON FIRST??
YOU GOTTA LISTEN, PARDNER!
IT'S LIKE RADIO, BUT YOU GET TO VIEW ALL KINDS O' CRAZY PATTERNS 'N' STUFF!!
YOW!! THAT QUARTER-BACK HAS A LON-N-N-G THROWING ARM!!
GRIFFY
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AFTER A WHILE, THEY SAY, YOU START TO WISH ALL TV WAS THIS ENTERTAINING---
YOU SEE THAT?
YEH! TH' BALL TURNED FUCHSIA ON TH' FORTY-YARD LINE!!
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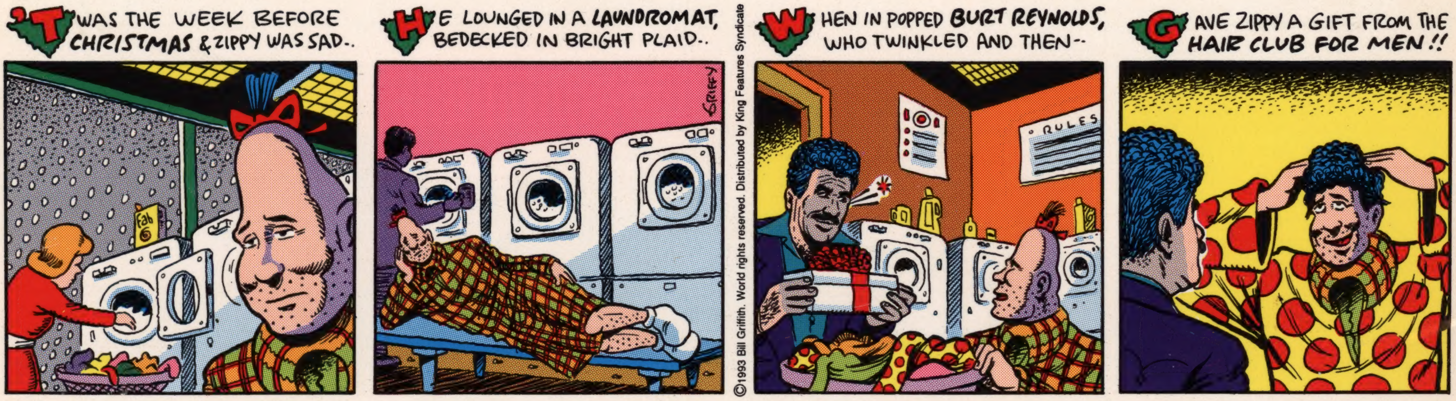
'TWAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS & ZIPPY WAS SAD..
Fab
HE LOUNGED IN A LAUNDROMAT, BEDECKED IN BRIGHT PLAID..
GRIFFY
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WHEN IN POPPED BURT REYNOLDS, WHO TWINKLED AND THEN--
RULES
GAVE ZIPPY A GIFT FROM THE HAIR CLUB FOR MEN!!

"Sometimes I'll do a strip that's actually frighteningly traditional."

— Bill Griffith, *Cartoonist Profiles*